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CLAIM FOR ASSETS RUSSIAN BANK'S AFFAIRS.

"A SUBTERFUGE" MONEY "WANTED IN SHANGHAI."

Insufficiency of time allowed to Shanghai creditors of the Russo-Asiatic Bank in Hong Kong to obtain evidence to support their claims, and the refusal by the Chief Justice, Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C., in Chambers, of an application for an adjournment for that object, formed the grounds of an appeal made before the Full Court this morning.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon appeared for the appellants, who are the Bank of Chosen, the Bank of Taiwan, the Mercantile Bank of India, the Mitsubishi Bank, S. Matsumoto, the Nederlandsche-Indische Handelsbank, the Sumitomo Bank, Tse Fong, Yung Yue-fah, Yuen Kong, J. L. de Zutter, and the Italian Bank for China.

Mr. Sheldon was instructed by Messrs. Deacons.

The order previously asked was that the creditors are entitled to a preferential payment in the Hong Kong liquidation of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, as against other creditors, and out of the Hong Kong assets. Costs of the action were also asked.

Subterfuge Alleged.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared for the Official Receiver, the Hong Kong Liquidator. His submission was that the appellants were not preferential creditors at all. The present application was an attempt to get Hong Kong assets into the hands of the Chinese liquidators in Shanghai, and was made in this guise after every other legal avenue had been explored, and had failed.

Mr. Sheldon commenced his address to the Court by referring to the affidavit of Mr. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, made in the course of the proceedings.

The claims arose, he said, by reason of the fact that certain exchange contracts were made in Shanghai between the Russo-Asiatic Bank, and the creditors, appellants in the present action. Upon that there were counterparty, and corresponding contracts, made by the Russo-Asiatic Bank, in Hong Kong, with different parties, in such a way that the contracts were indivisible, and in fact, formed one. It was contended that the losses made by the Shanghai creditors in respect of these contracts should be made good out of the Hong Kong assets. The contract was indivisible, and appellants creditors were therefore entitled to payment of their whole debts before any division of the assets was made.

Point of Adjudgment.

Mr. Sheldon went on to explain that the whole point of the appeal, now at issue, was whether the Chief Justice was right in refusing to grant an adjournment to appellants, in order to allow them time to get evidence in support of their claims.

"My submission is that an adjournment should have been granted," he said, "and that the Court should then have heard the case. There were great difficulties that beset the liquidation of this bank. Sir Henry Gollan, in the course of a previous judgment, in the matter, said that the case was without precedent, and that he had no precedent to guide him. I think that Sir Peter Gollan agreed with him in that view, and on that point. And I submit that

RE-APPEARANCE OF RABIES.

Maximum Period of Dog's Life.

QUERY FOR SANITARY BOARD.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow, Mr. M. K. Lo will ask:—

In view of the reported re-appearance of one case of rabies in Kowloon, will the Head of the Sanitary Department be kind enough to assert on the proper Authority, and state for the information of the public.

(1) What is the maximum period within which a dog can live after showing clinical signs of rabies?

(2) Is the following advice, contained in "The Practice of Medicine in the Tropics" (Edited by Byam and Archibald) Vol. III, page 2212, sound

"The biting animal. Do not destroy it, but keep it under observation until definite symptoms of rabies have developed, or for a period of ten days.

"If at the end of this period the animal is still alive and well, then it cannot have conveyed infection; the bitten person is free from risk, and if treatment has commenced it may be discontinued."

(3) After a dog has been injected with anti-rabies vaccine, and then shows signs of that disease, does the period of ten days mentioned above hold good? If not, what should be the period of detention and observation in such a case?

(4) In the interests of public safety, is it the practice—

(a) to keep a dog bitten by a rabid dog in quarantine for observation, and

(b) if so, what is the period of such quarantine?

WATER STILL RISING.

Clerks Work in Knee-Deep Water.

HANKOW'S PLIGHT.

Hankow, Yesterday.

The water rose another four inches last night and is still rising. Sweltering weather conditions are generally becoming worse. The German Concession is in darkness owing to the flooding of the power plant house. Water is coming out through the floor of the Hankow Club. A number of Chinese houses have collapsed while others are in a dangerous condition.

The staffs of the Chartered Bank, the British American Tobacco Co., and of their offices are working in knee-deep water.

Earlier News.

Shanghai, Saturday.

A report from Hankow says that the Yangtze River has risen a further 19 inches in two days and a further rise of eight inches will convert the entire Wuhan area into one vast lake.

The Japanese Concession has been abandoned and the Japanese are evacuating as fast as steamers or accommodation allows.

The only remaining power plant failed to-night and Hankow is in complete darkness.

The problem of evacuation of women and children is now being faced.

Houses continue to collapse and godowns several storeys high have toppled over.

The intense and humid heat is adding to the sufferings of the people.—Reuter.

SIX MEN KILLED THREE ENTOMBED BUT RESCUED.

A LANDSLIDE WONG NEI CHUNG DISASTER.

An alarming landslide, which involved 34 Chinese workmen employed by a sub-contractor, who were asleep at the time, occurred in Wong Nei Chung village, near the new Jockey Club Stables at half past two o'clock this morning. Six lives were lost and injuries caused to eight others, three of whom, though entombed, were extricated alive, thanks to the prompt arrival of the Fire Brigade.

The landslide occurred at a cutting on the side of a hill on the top of which the new stables are being erected. It is estimated that six feet of earth became dislodged.

At the time of the occurrence, 34 workmen were sleeping in four matsheds, which are situated at the bottom of the hill which is at the south end of Chung Shing Road. The falling earth caused three of the matsheds to collapse, but one managed to withstand the falling debris.

It is understood that the workmen were engaged in filling up operations on the site.

SHARE MARKET QUIET.

Slight Improvement on Steamboats.

SALES OF HOTELS.

The official summary of the Stock Exchange this morning states:—

When the Stock Market resumed this morning business was very quiet, as the following summary shows:

Banks had enquiries at \$2,040, with no shares offering.

Canton Insurances had buyers at \$1,650, but without leading to business.

Unions had sellers in the market at \$567.50, but there were no buyers in evidence.

Steamboats improved slightly to a buying rate of \$28.25, but without sellers coming forward.

Raubs remained at Saturday's buying quotation of \$41.50.

Wharves were done at \$164, with buyers in the market at \$163.

Hotels (old) were the medium of sales at \$170, buyers at the close offering \$17 without attracting holders. The new shares had sellers at \$17.25.

Lands were wanted at \$91, but no shares were forthcoming.

Realities—Sales took place at \$17.50, sellers asking \$17.70 with buyers prepared to go on at \$17.80.

Ewo Cottons had buyers at \$14.70 without connecting.

Trams had buyers prepared to do business at \$21.50, but shares were not obtainable at this rate.

China Lights were in demand at \$26.40 without any transactions.

H. K. Electric—A buying quotation of \$81.40 failed to attract holders.

Cements (combined) at a buying rate of \$19.90 did not come to business.

H. K. Ropes were wanted at \$21.40, buyers prevailing at the close.

Watsons were recorded at Saturday's rates—sales again being negotiated at \$16.60, buyers still offering \$16.50.

Lane, Crawfords (old) changed hands at \$7.35, with buyers offering \$7.50.

Constructions had buyers at \$15 without leading to transactions.

G. S. Bonds were enquired for at 72 per cent. with no sellers.

COURSE OF THE TYPHOON.

Fortunate Escape of the Colony.

SIGNALS LOWERED.

The No. 5 warning signal (denoting that a gale may be expected from the North-West) was lowered at 1 p.m. to-day.

The typhoon, first indication of which was given on Saturday morning, when at 9.30 o'clock the red T was hoisted, seems to have taken a very erratic course. Developing in the North China Sea, it was reported then to be 200 miles South East of the Colony travelling North. The storm warnings read Lat. 19, Long. 115.

At 4.45 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, a notification was issued by the Royal Observatory to the effect that the typhoon had taken an East-North-Easterly direction. It was stated, then, that the typhoon was not threatening Hong Kong, but that its future direction was uncertain.

At six o'clock on Saturday it was

GALE STILL POSSIBLE.

The Royal Observatory's report issued at 10.40 a.m. to-day says:—

The typhoon is stationary, about 60 miles E.S.E. of Hong Kong.

There is still the possibility of a N.W. gale.

Another typhoon is central S.E. of the Loochoos, moving N.

Forecast:—N.W. winds, possibly increasing to a gale; overcast, rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day, 3.12 inch. Total since January 1—53.41 inches against an average of 60.19 inches—deficit 1.78 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	78
Pratas Island	81
Macao	77
Manila	81
Fochoo	80
Chefoo	78
Shanghai	79

reported that the typhoon was less than 100 miles South of Pratas Island moving E.N.E.

The wind blew in strong gusts on Saturday, and residents were soon wending their way homeward in preparation for the storm.

Sampans and other craft went to their shelters, and steamers at wharves left for Kowloon Bay.

At 11.45 o'clock on Saturday night, the No. 5 signal was displayed, indicating that a gale might be expected from the North-West.

Recurring.

At 10.30 a.m. yesterday, a message from Manila stated that the typhoon was in Lat. 21, and Long. 115 and was recurring North-Eastward.

The Royal Observatory's message issued at 10.40 a.m. yesterday stated that the typhoon had passed S.E. of Pratas Island on Saturday afternoon, and then inclined in a North-Westerly direction.

It was then less than 100 miles E.S.E. of Hong Kong moving N.W.

A message chalked up at the Star Ferry wharf yesterday morning stated that the typhoon was likely to strike the coast of Hong Kong on a North-Westerly track before noon.

Yesterday afternoon, after three o'clock, a message from Manila was to the effect that the typhoon lay in Lat. 22 Long. 115 and was inclining Northward.

Another report, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.48 p.m. stated that the typhoon was less than 100 miles east-south-east of Hong Kong, nearly stationary, its future direction being unknown.

MOLLISON AGAIN

ANOTHER RECORD ESTABLISHED.

LONDON GLASGOW PREPARING FOR CAPE FLIGHT.

London, Yesterday.

Airman Mollison established another record when he flew from London to Glasgow in 8 hours and 20 minutes.

He was given a rousing reception by his parents and friends at the Scottish Flying Club. He also took his mother for a flight. He was mobbed by a tremendous crowd before his departure from the grounds.

He intends to fly to Boat of Garten in Invernesshire to visit his grandfather.

He also proposes to attempt a Cape Town record flight in October in a metal plane which is now being prepared for that flight.—Reuter.

MEXICAN FLOODS DISASTER.

Houses Washed Away During Night.

CHILDREN PERISH.

Mexico City, Yesterday.

Disease and devastation have followed torrential rains in Southern Mexico.

Two hundred children are reported to have succumbed to dysentery in San Pedro.

Floods destroyed 150 houses in Huatamo while the inmates were asleep. The number of casualties is not yet known.—Reuter's American Service.

SHARK SCARE.

Large One Seen in Stanley Bay?

A shark was observed by fishermen to be swimming in Stanley Bay, between four and five o'clock on Friday afternoon, according to a Police report issued this morning from Stanley.

The fishermen stated that they estimated the shark to be about nine feet in length. For a short period it was being approached by the southern section of the beach. Villagers also state that they saw the shark swimming in the vicinity.

[Stanley Bay, which is near West Bay, is situated to the south-east of Repulse Bay. It will be recalled that on July 20, there was a shark scare at Repulse Bay; when all swimmers were ordered out of the water. A Police launch, summoned to the scene, fired shots at the "shark," but nothing developed.]

S.S. KWONG SANG.

Yet No News of Vessel.

It was learned this morning that there is still no news of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Kwong Sang (Captain Hendry), which is now five days overdue from Shanghai via Swatow.

All Jardine ships sailing to and from Shanghai have been instructed to keep a sharp look out for the Kwong Sang, but up to now have reported no trace of her.

S.S. Wai Shing.

The s.s. Wai Shing, also of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., was reported this morning to be yet on the rocks in Nam Kwan harbour, with Captain Hughes and the European Officers on board.

MORE TROUBLE IN ULSTER.

Widow's Shop Burned Down.

BATON CHARGES.

London, Yesterday.

Further Catholic-Protestant disturbances occurred in Ulster last night. A crowd smashed the windows of Catholic business premises and the Convent at Lisburn, near Belfast, burned a shop belonging to a widow, and attacked the Hibernian Hall.

Police had repeatedly to charge the crowd with batons before order was restored.—Reuter.

Earlier News.

London, Saturday.

Great uneasiness prevails on the Ulster border owing to an outbreak of terrorism ending with the wrecking of a goods train near Rich Hill, C. Armagh.

The outrage is thought to be a reprisal for the Coote Hill affair when Catholics blew up a railway bridge in order to prevent an assembly of Orangemen.

A party of twenty men early this morning pulled up part of the railway track near Rich Hill, held up a goods train, disconnected the engine and compelled the driver to run it over the torn up track when, of course, it toppled over blocking the line so that many trains carrying people to the Ancient Order of Hibernians demonstration at Armagh were held up.

A large force of Police has been rushed to the scene of the outrage.—Reuter.

NEW LIGHT ON CUBAN REVOLT.

U.S. Bankers Deeply Involved.

APPEAL TO AMERICA.

New York, Yesterday.

The Havana Correspondent of the Associated Press, in reporting brisk fighting with varying fortunes between the Cuban Government's forces and the rebels, says that it is believed that the real fate of the revolutionary movement lies in the hands of the United States, where powerful bankers are deeply involved in Cuba and own many sugar plantations which are the result of mortgage foreclosures. If they and the State Department withdraw their tacit support from the Machado Dictatorship, it is believed that he will be unable to pay the army and probably be overthrown.

The correspondent states that

THURSDAY NEXT

DAY OF VITAL DECISIONS.

FOR BRITAIN BALANCING THE BUDGET.

London, Yesterday.

A Parliamentary Economy bloc, composed of the best elements in all three Parties, is predicted as probable as the outcome of conversations between Party Leaders in regard to the financial crisis.

The Cabinet Economy Committee is to meet again in Downing Street on Monday and Tuesday to formulate definite proposals to balance the Budget, which proposals will be submitted to the Cabinet on Wednesday while, on Thursday, the General Council of the Trade Union Congress and National Executive Labour Party meet to "discuss the national financial situation," and Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Sir Herbert Samuel are expected back in London to learn the Government's intentions.

Thursday, therefore, is likely to be a day of vital decisions for Government who will then be in a position to learn the attitude not only of the Opposition parties but of its own following in the country.

No Cuts in Salaries.

"Sheer" malice invention," was the description applied by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, when interviewed in Lisslesmouth to-day, in regard to the report that a manifesto, will be issued by Party Leaders calling for voluntary cuts in salaries and wages. He said that no proposal had been made for a temporary all-round cut in wages or salaries. The whole thing was ridiculous. There was nothing which, by any stretch of the imagination, could be made a basis for such a discreditable statement.

Sound As Bank of England.

He declared that the country was as secure as the Bank of England.—Reuter.

[See early cable on page 2.]

ex-President Memocal and other insurgent chiefs, recently captured, are now imprisoned in a Fortress at Cabanas.

Revolutionaries from the United States have landed arms and ammunition on the coast.—Reuter's American Service.

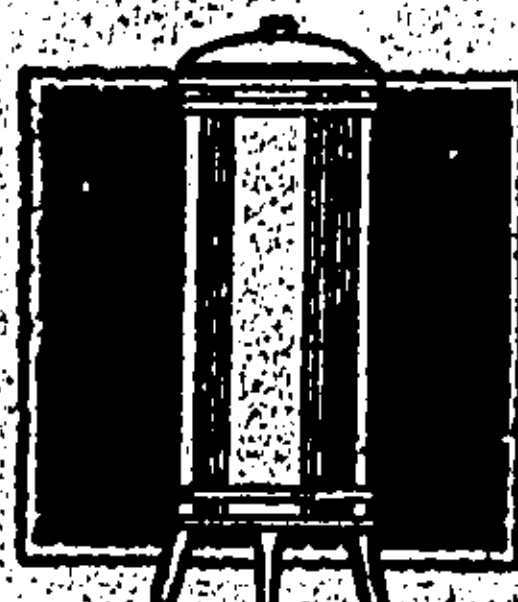
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ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

What Mail Reviewers Say.

"DON'T BET ON WOMEN."

"Don't Bet on Women," playing in the King's Theatre, had a courageous producer. For, in spite of the knowledge that Jeannette MacDonald's singing voice had up to the present been her principal box-office drawing power, he resisted the temptation to "interpolate" musical items for her especial benefit. Consequently, the fair Jeannette does not sing a note. And the bright little comedy runs its cheerful way without losing anything by the omission.

That it does so is largely due to Jeannette herself. One had thought that in previous productions there was a shade of insipidity in her manner, at times. No such charge can be levelled at her in this instance. She is cool, confident, and extremely vivacious, and gives what may justly be termed a sparkling performance. It is possibly the best thing she has done so far.

Edmund Lowe has yet to give a poor show. In addition, he seems to possess the happy knack of bringing out the best in those who play with him. His excellent sense of comedy is always in evidence here, his scenes with Jeannette being put over with refreshing ease and naturalness.

The book has any number of good lines, impartially distributed amongst the players. Thus Una Merkel is able to raise a good many spontaneous laughs with the gaucheries of a poor little rich girl who has pretty taste in gin.

Roland Young completes a well-chosen cast, with a realistic portrayal of a self-satisfied lawyer who has his views on women somewhat shaken in the course of an eventful forty-eight hours.

These Hollywood producers are undoubtedly astute. "Don't Bet on Women" is carefully presented in the new, quasi-British manner, which they apparently realise is in favour nowadays. And the "accent" has been assiduously cultivated, so that, whilst we still realise that the players are American, they do not utter a syllable to stagger the serenity of those sturdy patriots who are always so "de-lated to heah verl English spouken."

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

"Abraham Lincoln," the life story of the champion of the cause of the black slaves of America, a good talkie, started its run at the Queen's Theatre yesterday and pleased many who have been wishing for something different in movie entertainment.

The leading roles were well acted by Walter Huston as Abraham Lincoln, Una Merkel as Ann Rutledge, Abe's first wife, and Kay Hammond as Mary Todd Lincoln, his second and very dominating and ambitious wife. The Generals of Abe's time were represented as follows: General Scott, James Bradbury, sen., General Grant, Fred Warren, General Sheridan (the fighting Irishman), Frank Campeau, and General Lee, Hobart Bosworth.

The picture opens with the birth of Abe on February 12, 1809, in a log cabin during a terrific storm, and in the midst of agitation between the North and South. In spite of such an introduction to this world, Abe shows in after life

that he is a peace loving man, but when he has to fight he gives no quarter and asks for none.

Grown up, Abe is the "ugliest and smartest man" in New Salem, Illinois. He starts life as a store clerk and then goes into business for himself. Bad luck dogs him for years and makes him bankrupt. His romance with Ann Rutledge is well presented, as is his great grief at the loss of his wife, which threatened to ruin his whole life.

Time heals the wound and Abe becomes a lawyer. Love again comes into his life and he marries Mary Todd, who afterward proudly tells him that it was she who had plotted him to White House. Then follows Abe's stormy and sorrowful life as President. He makes a firm stand on two points—the slaves must be set free and the Union must remain intact. His determination wins through after a Civil War entailing bloodshed which well nigh breaks Abe's heart, but he sticks to his vision of a white ship. His one ambition is to secure lasting peace and prosperity for America.

Following the success of his arms, Abe is re-elected for a further term of four years, and although his is still not a bed of roses, Abe is able to permit himself a little pleasure and it is while attending the playhouse that he is assassinated by a fanatic.

From Other Sources.

"THE STORM."

Hailed as the talking screen's most thrilling picture, "The Storm," Universal's romantic drama of the human triangle in a snow-bound cabin in the Canadian wilds, comes to the Central Theatre to-day. Lovely vivacious Lupe Velez has the leading role, that of a little French Canadian girl. The male angles of the triangle are portrayed by two of the most capable actors of the stage and screen—Paul Cavanagh and William Boyd.

The human situation in "The Storm" alone would furnish drama and suspense enough for any picture. Added to this, however, are natural thrills of a surprising nature.

The company filming "The Storm" spent weeks in the High Sierras of California to obtain the proper location for the outdoor scenes. Outstanding among the natural thrills are a tremendous avalanche, terrific blizzards, and shooting the rapids by a canoe, at ever-present peril to those engaged.

Lupe Velez has a role which, in the proverbial phrase, fits her like a glove. She gives one of the most appealing performances of her career. In addition to her acting, she sings a song, "Chansonette of Pierrot and Pierrette." In the cast, in addition to Cavanagh and Boyd, who are featured with Miss Velez, Alphonse Ethier and Ernie S. Adams have important roles.

"The Storm" was directed by William Wyler, whose "Hell's Heroes" won the widest possible acclaim from both critics and patrons of the films. The picture is based on Langdon McCormick's sensational stage play of the same name. Charles Logue wrote the adaptation, Wells Root the screen play and dialogue.

"BEAU BANDIT"

Rod La Rocque, who was starred with Norma Shearer in "Let Us Be Gay," is in the lead with Doris Kenyon in the all-talkie outdoor production "Beau Bandit" which is having its last showings at the Majestic Theatre to-day.

The settings of the film, which was directed by Mr. Lambert Hillier, are in the Mojave desert of Arizona. La Rocque figures as Montero, a suave bad man, who by

evading the sheriff and his gang, earns his living by carrying out jobs that are "strictly business." In other words, he is paid by a person to shoot and kill someone else for a handsome roll of dollars. A reward for \$5,000 is offered for the bandit's arrest, dead or alive.

Through the scenes that follow, he outwits a big "business" deal, and thus helps the girl (Doris Kenyon) to marry the man she really loves. It is not the bandit, of course!

Rod La Rocque is splendid. Throughout the film he has to speak with a decided Mexican accent, and this he does remarkably well.

"QUICK MILLIONS."

The medical profession lost a surgeon but the stage and screen gained an excellent actor when Spencer Tracy, at the age of 18, cut classes at Marquette University in Wisconsin, and got himself a job in a local stock company in the neighbouring city of Milwaukee.

He worked long enough to discover that he knew little of acting, and so enrolled in the American Academy of Dramatic Art. After a year he obtained a role in "R U R," a Theatre Guild production, and played it for six months.

Seeking more experience, he joined a stock company in White Plains, N.Y., enacting a wide variety of roles ranging from leading men to aged grandfathers. His work attracted favourable attention and he was selected to play the "heavy" in "The Royal Fandango," in which Ethel Barrymore was starred. Next came another season in stock with Stuart Walker in Cincinnati, and then the Theatre Guild recalled him for an important role in "Ned McCobb's Daughter," "Conflict," "Nigger Rich" and "Bread" established him as a Broadway favourite and he won his stardom in "The Last Mile." From there he went to Fox, his picture being "Up The River."

His second, "Quick Millions," is a Fox romance coming to the King's Theatre this week, in which he has the principal role. Others prominently cast include Marguerite Churchill, Sally Eilers, Robert Burns, John Wray, Warner Richmond and George Raft.

"BAD SISTER"

Which is the bad sister? The answer to this question will be found on the screen of the Central Theatre, when the famous Booth Tarkington story, which has been produced as a talking picture special by the Universal Productions, comes in the next change of programme. The picture, as is announced by the management of the Central Theatre, has a great cast, including such screen favourites as Conrad Nagel, Sydney Fox, Beete Davis, Zasu Pitts and Slim Summerville.

The two sisters of the story are played by Miss Sydney Fox and Miss Beete Davis, both of whom are making their screen debuts in this production. The title of the picture is in itself "Bad Sister," and audiences will have a chance to judge for themselves which one the title applies to. The production is most entertaining and the Central Theatre is preparing to take care of capacity audiences.

"CRAZY THAT WAY."

The role of Ann Jordan which Joan Bennett portrays in the Fox Movietone production, "Crazy That Way," directed by Hamilton MacFadden, has much in common with her own life. In the screen play, Miss Bennett is a daughter of wealth who has a score of admirers but cares for none of them.

In the life of Hollywood Miss Bennett is courted by many but cares for none of them. Her chief

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.
To-day—King's Theatre;
"Don't Bet On Women."
To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Abraham Lincoln."
To-day—Central Theatre;
"The Storm."
To-day—Majestic Theatre;
"Beau Bandit."
To-day—World Theatre;
"The Shadow."
To-day—Star Theatre;
"The Divorcee."

Radio.
See to-day's programme on page 7.

Home Malls.
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Angers); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Angers and Philoctetes), 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. respectively; for Europe via Siberia (Sphinx), 2 p.m.

Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 4.

Lammerts' Auctions.
Wednesday—"Palace Store," 23, Nathan Road, Kowloon; Stock-in-trade, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
To-day—Whist Drive, St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 9 p.m.

LESSON SERMON.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong.

"Soul" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, August 16.

The Golden Text was—"Truly my Soul waiteth upon God, from him cometh my salvation." (Psalm 62; 1.)

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible—"Unless the Lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul." (Psalm 94; 17, 19.)

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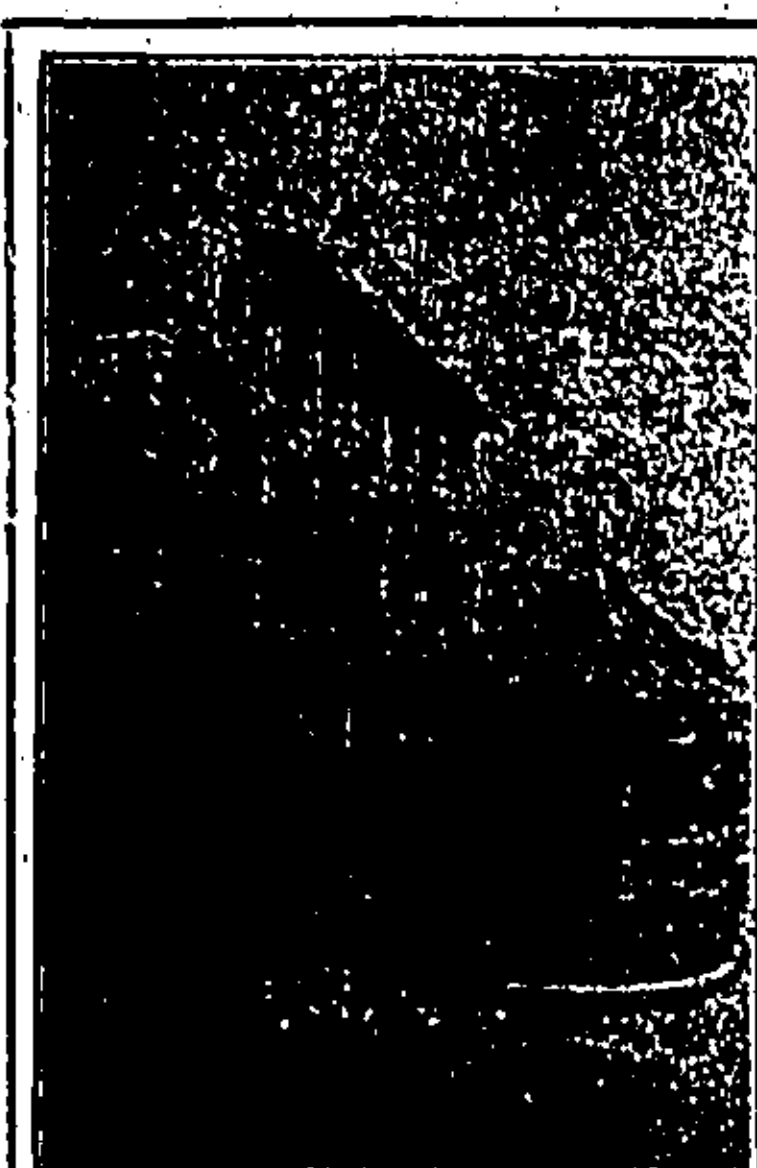
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

NO PLAY IN TEST AT MANCHESTER.

New Zealanders Remain in the Pavilion.

RAIN SODDEN WICKET.

Manchester, Saturday.
It was not possible to commence play before lunch to-day in the third Test Match between England and New Zealand. Rain ceased early this morning but continual rain yesterday caused the wicket to be sodden in parts and the outfield was water-logged. The weather does not look too promising.

Later.
The weather conditions have changed completely, the sun is shining and a blue sky is overhead, and a fine day looks assured. The wicket itself and the outfield as far as appearances go look nearly normal.

Later.
There was no play to-day in the Test Match at Manchester—Reuter.

This match means a lot to the youthful tourists as they have the Oval black mark to erase.

Results of the two previous Tests were as follow:—

v. England (First Test)—Drawn at Lord's.

Scores:—
N. Zealand: 224 (I. A. R. Peebles 5 for 77);
469 for 9 dec. (C. S. Dempster 120, R. C. Blunt 95, M. L. Page 104).

England: 454 (Ames 137, G. O. Allen 122, Woolley 80);
146 for 5 wickets.

v. England (Second Test)—Lost by an innings and 25 runs at the Oval.

Scores:—
England: 416 for 4 dec. (Sutcliffe 117, K. S. Duleep-singh 109, Hammond 100*);
N. Zealand: 193 (G. O. Allen 5 for 14) and 197.

* denotes not out.

The following comprise the England XI in this third encounter:—D. R. Jardine (Surrey) (captain), K. S. Duleep-singh (Sussex), G. O. Allen (Middlesex), I. A. R. Peebles (Middlesex), F. R. Brown (Cambridge U.), Sutcliffe (Yorkshire), Hammond (Gloucestershire), Arnold (Hampshire), Ames (Kent), Larwood (Notts), and Paynter (Lancashire).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

Rangers Surprised by Motherwell.

CELTIC WIN.

London, Saturday.
A full Scottish League football programme was decided to-day with the following results:
Aldrie 2 Aberdeen 4
Ayr 1 Hamilton 3
Celtic 3 Dundee U. 2
Cowdenbeath 3 Clyde 0
Dundee 2 Morton 1
Hearts 3 Kilmarnock 2
Motherwell 4 Rangers 2
Partick 1 Falkirk 2
St. Mirren 2 Queen's Park 0
Third Lanark 2 Leith 0
—Reuter.

MACAO RACES ARE CURTAILED.

Ponies Fail to Arrive from Shanghai.

ONE DAY ONLY.

It is advertised elsewhere in this issue that owing to non-arrival of subscription ponies from Shanghai the Stewards of the Macao Jockey Club are reluctantly compelled to cancel the second day of the inaugural meeting (September 7).
The meeting will therefore be held on one day only, Sunday, September 6. Entries for the meeting close at noon on Tuesday, August 25.

Y.M.C.A. DEFEAT THE KOWLOON INDIAN.

Ferguson and Wilson Shape Well.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

On their own ground at King's Park on Saturday the Y.M.C.A. gained a narrow victory over the Kowloon Indians T.C. in the "C" Division of the Lawn Tennis League. For their victory the Y.M.C.A. were indebted to J. J. Ferguson and J. Wilson who won all their sets.

Scores:—
S. A. Gray and G. Punccheon (Y.M.C.A.):—
lost to Feroz Ali and Firdos Khan 5-7
beat Ikal Singh and Harban Singh 6-2
beat Capt. Gore and S. R. Sallah 6-2

J. J. Ferguson and J. Wilson (Y.M.C.A.):—
beat Feroz Ali and Firdos Khan 6-4
beat Ikal Singh and Harban Singh 6-2
beat Capt. Gore and S. R. Sallah 7-5

E. Raitton and G. Russell (Y.M.C.A.):—
lost to Feroz Ali and Firdos Khan 9-6
lost to Ikal Singh and Harban Singh 9-6
lost to Capt. Gore and S. R. Sallah 1-6

League Table to Date.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
J.C.R.C.	14	12	1	1	0	107	18
Recreo	13	12	1	0	82	32	25
S. China	12	9	0	3	73½	34½	18
Y.M.C.A.	13	8	0	5	60½	60½	16
K.C.C.	12	7	1	4	57½	56½	15
University	9	7	0	2	57½	23½	14
Grade A	12	7	0	5	55½	46½	14
H.K.C.C.	13	6	1	6	57	60	13
I.R.C.	12	4	1	7	43	64	9
Radio S.C.	12	3	2	7	39	67	8
Army T.C.	12	3	1	8	35½	69½	7
K.C.C.	12	3	0	9	37½	70½	6
K.T.C.	14	2	1	11	43	64	6
C.S.C.C.	11	2	1	8	38½	77½	5
Deutscher	10	1	1	8	24	66	3

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

FENCING—To-day—H.K. Fencing Club Meet at 5.15 p.m.
LAWN TENNIS—Wednesday—Mixed Doubles—United Services R.C. v. University; Kowloon C.C. v. Club de Recreo.

ABROAD.

CRICKET—To-day and To-morrow—Wednesday, Thursday and Friday—Middlesex v. Derbyshire at Lord's.
Sussex v. Lancashire at Eastbourne.
Kent v. Worcestershire at Dover.
Essex v. Notts at Southend.
Somerset v. Surrey at Taunton.
Gloucestershire v. Glamorgan at Cheltenham.

Northamptonshire v. Yorkshire at Northampton.
Surrey, Middlesex and Tuesday—Middlesex v. Kent at Lord's.
Surrey v. Yorkshire at the Oval.
Hampshire v. Leicestershire at Bourne-mouth.
Sussex v. Worcestershire at Eastbourne.
Essex v. New Zealand at Southend.

Gloucestershire v. Warwickshire at Gloucester.
Notts v. Lancashire at Nottingham.
Derbyshire v. Glamorgan at Cheltenham.
LAWN TENNIS—To-day to Saturday—U.S. Ladies Championships at Forest Hills.
ATHLETICS—Saturday—England v. Italy at Stamford Bridge.
FOOTBALL—Saturday—Scottish League Programme.

BRITISH LADIES ARE DEFIANT.

Refuse to Conclude Singles Match.

DOUBLES MORE IMPORTANT.

New York, Friday.
The authorities at the Eastern Turf Courts Championships at Rye were placed in a quandary when Miss Joan Ridley and Mrs. Pittman, the finalists in the Ladies

THRILLING BASEBALL AT CAROLINE HILL.

Helena Win After Ten Innings.

SKIPPER'S TRIUMPH.

Baseball fans on Saturday witnessed the most spectacular game played on the Caroline Hill Diamond this season when the U.S.S. Helena and the Japanese, last year's champions, came into conflict. The Japanese defeat offers a severe check to their chances of retaining the Shield this year. They now tie with South China for Championship honours.

No one could foretell even at the end of the seventh stanza who was going to win the day. The seventh closed with the score at one-all. Thus an extension of the game was necessary.

The 10th innings saw some very active hitting by the Americans. With one man down and 2 of his comrades on the 2nd and 3rd base respectively, Thurman, their skipper, went in to face Miki who was pitching at his best. He missed the first ball deliberately in order to let Herter run to second. He met the next one with a mighty swing which drove the ball clean past the left field and helped to bring two of his side home, while he himself reached third easily. The score now read 3 to 1 in favour of the Americans. Another run was added before they were all out. Thompson hit the first ball and brought Thurman home. The score at the close of the first half of the tenth innings was 4-1.

The Japanese now went in to bat but were dismissed in quick time amid cheers, and crackers!

The line-ups were as follow:—

Helena	Japanese
Shellenberger p.	Miki
Majka c.	Y. Hachiuma
Jones 1b	Saldo
Herter 2b	S. Hachiuma
Bauer 3b	Murava
Thurman s.s.	Takezawa
Firke l.f.	Suzuki
Thompson c.f.	Kusano
Schilling r.f.	Honda

Scores by Innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Ttl.
Helena	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
Japanese	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

D. W. LEACH IN GREAT ALL-ROUND FORM.

Century and 8 Wickets Against S.R.C.

QUICK SCORING.

Donald Leach, hero of many a Shanghai innings, was in great all-round form last week, for besides scoring 137 he captured 3 wickets for 42 runs against the Shanghai Recreation Club.

Opening the innings with A. L. Piper, Leach lost his partner when seven runs short of a three-figure partnership which lasted only 38 minutes. Leach was ninth out at 220 after giving a chance in the slips of Wilson when 110.

Faced with the formidable total of 257 scored in 135 minutes the S. R. C. collapsed before the bowling of Leach and were dismissed for 108.

Singles Championship, retired from the court after winning one set each. "Another set, ladies," the umpire shouted as the players rushed to the net to shake hands. "Oh no, we retire," chorused the British girls, "we have an important doubles match this afternoon." The Secretary protested pointing out that the champion must have her name inscribed on the bowl. "Put both names," retorted the determined players, who both risked being defaulted.

The British pair, later won the Ladies' Doubles Championship when they defeated Mrs. Van Ryn and Mrs. Cruikshank 12-11, 4-6, 6-3.—Reuter's American Service.

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CRAIGENGOWER ROUTED.

HONG KONG ELECTRIC LOSE BY BIGGEST MARGIN OF THE DAY

RECREIO'S FINE WIN.

Though the weather threatened to break at any moment no actual rain was encountered during yesterday afternoon when a full Lawn Bowls programme was carried through.

The surprise of the day was the defeat of the League leaders, the Kowloon Cricket Club, at the hands of the lowly placed Kowloon Bowling Green Club. The visitors were successful on all three rinks. Holding a comfortable lead at the ninth head Roylance's rink suffered a check when Silkstone's rink returned a six. Though catching up considerably, Silkstone was unable to avoid defeat by two shots. A seven by Russell's rink at the fifth head sealed the doom of Hyde-Laye's rink and they never recovered from the shock and went down by four shots.

Craigengower suffered their third reverse of the season when they went down before Kowloon Docks, but they had the satisfaction of knowing that the leaders had also failed.

Taikoo crept up on Craigengower at the expense of the Civil Service whom they defeated on two of the three rinks. Opening with a five Brawn's rink maintained their advantage and won the only Civil Service victory by four shots. A five at the fifth head placed Drummond's rink in the lead and they won comfortably. Ferguson's rink were ten shots down at the thirteenth head, but a five, backed up by consistent play, gave them a dramatic victory by two shots.

The Police Recreation Club have yet to register a win this season. Yesterday they went down before the Recreio by thirteen shots. Reynolds's rink were successful by three shots, but the other rinks went down badly.

The Second Division results were more or less expected. The Kowloon Bowling Green Club consolidated their position at the head of the table by defeating the Hong Kong Electric R.C. by a "cricket score." Commencing with a six Drake's rink returned the highest rink win of the afternoon when they defeated Muskett's rink by 23 shots. A six at the second head gave Davidson's rink a comfortable victory over Deacon's rink.

Taikoo easily vanquished the Yacht Club, Duncan's rink returning the second biggest win of the afternoon, 22 shots over Shields's rink. The Craigengower Cricket Club defeated the K.C.C. by the narrow margin of four shots in an interesting encounter. The Civil Service found the Recreio in very fine form and were forced to concede a win on all three rinks. Ozorio's rink returned scores of 5 at the ninth head and 6 at the seventeenth head to beat Holland's rink comfortably.

League I.

KOWLOON C.C. v. K.B.G.C.

Playing on the K.C.C. green the Kowloon Bowling Green defeated the Kowloon Cricket Club by 13 shots.

Scores:	Bowling Green.
H. Hampton	S. Eccleshall
C. J. Tacchi	G. Sherriff
C. J. Lyal	H. Nish
A. Hyde-Lay	W. Russell
(Skip) ...21	(Skip) ...25
H. Gittins	G. N. Mitchell
F. Goodwin	R. S. Nichol
H. Overy	E. W. L. Hogbin
J. Gibson	L. Guy
(Skip) ...18	(Skip) ...25
E. C. Fincher	G. J. Chambers
J. Howe	Fergusson
W. Hyde	D. F. Warren
A. E. Silkstone	G. Roylance
(Skip) ...22	(Skip) ...24
61	74

KOWLOON DOCKS v. C.C.C.

On their own green the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 17 shots.

League II.

CRAIGENGOWER v. K.C.C.

Scores:	Kowloon Docks.	Craigengower.
F. Goodman	B. A. Trotter	
G. Henderson	A. E. Coates	
J. McKelvie	W. Brightman	
J. Punccheon	U. M. Omar	
(Skip) ...17	(Skip) ...17	
C. Atkinson	F. Neves	
W. Hedley	M. A. R. Souza	
J. G. Brown	L. Lammert	
R. Lapsley	D. Rumjahn	
(Skip) ...19	(Skip) ...13	
J. V. Ramsay	A. A. Razack	
H. C. Cooper	W. Gill	
H. M. McTavish	C. S. Rosselet	
F. Cullen	R. Bass	
(Skip) ...24	(Skip) ...13	
60	43	

C.S.C.C. v. TAIKOO.

On the C.S.C.C. green the Taikoo Recreation Club defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club by 4 shots.

Scores:	Taikoo
C.S.C.C.	R. Wallace
S. Randle	J. Polson
S. Alderman	J. Laing
A. H. Oswick	N. Drummond
J. J. Gregory	(Skip) ...25
(Skip) ...19	(Skip) ...25

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

League I.

Kowloon C.C.	61	K.B.G.C.	74
K. Docks	60	Craigengower	43
Civil Service	57	Taikoo R.C.	61
Police R.C.	53	Recreio	66

League II.

K.B.G.C.	75	Electric R.C.	37
Recreio	70	Civil Service	53
Craigengower	64	Kowloon C.C.	60
Taikoo R.C.	66	Yacht Club	46

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Kowloon C.C.	13	11	0	2	22
Craigengower	12	8	0	3	18
Kowloon R.C.	12	8	0	4	19
Civil Service C.C.	12	5	0	7	10
Club de Recreio	13	6	0	7	12
Kowloon Dock R.C.	13	6	0	7	12
Kowloon B.G.C.	13	6	0	7	12
Police R.C.	14	0	0	14	0

Shots For and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up	Dn.
Taikoo R.C.	771	642	129	0
Craigengower C.C.	744	619	125	0
Kowloon C.C.	793	718	72	0
Club de Recreio	683	677	0	9
Kowloon Dock R.C.	740	742	0	17
Kowloon B.G.C.	739	763	0	24
Civil Service C.C.	650	740	0	81
Police R.C.	683	908	0	223

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Kowloon B.G.C.	12	9	1	2	19
Club de Recreio	12	8	1	3	17
Club de Recreio	12	7	0	5	14
Kowloon C.C.	11	6	0	5	12
Craigengower C.C.	11	6	0	5	12
Civil Service C.C.	11	4	0	7	8
Yacht Club	11	3	2	6	8
Electric R.C.	11	1	0	10	2

Shots For and Against.

	For	Agst.	Up	Dn.
Taikoo R.C.	803	614	194	0
Kowloon B.G.C.	779	618	161	0
Kowloon C.C.	683	631	52	0
Club de Recreio	723	698	24	0
Craigengower C.C.	683	720	0	32
Yacht Club	598	634	0	36
Civil Service C.C.	590	662	0	72
Electric R.C.	498	789	0	291

Police R.C. Club de Recreio

T. Hunter	C. H. Basto
A. R. Brittain	A. H. Basto
F. E. Booker	C. E. Marques
A. Reynolds	L. Gutierrez
(Skip) ...20	(Skip) ...17
W. Dall	A. S. Gomes
W. Clark	R. R. Roberts
W. Hardy	L. C. R. de Souza
J. C. West	R. F. Luz
(Skip) ...15	(Skip) ...25
A. Johnson	Dr. Basto
C. Gooding	C. Lopez
J. Shepherd	A. Ribeiro
W. Mair	C. Silva
(Skip) ...18	(Skip) ...24
53	66

POLICE v. RECREIO.

The Club de Recreio defeated the Police Recreation Club by 13 shots on the latter's ground.

Scores:—

League II.

CRAIGENGOWER v. K.C.C.

On their own green the Craigengower Cricket Club defeated the Kowloon Cricket Club by 4 shots.

Scores:	Kowloon C.C.
F. G. Finner	T. W. Carr
W. J. White	F. Harrison
P. A. Dixon	V. C. Labrum
M. O'Brien	L. J. Blackburn
(Skip) ...25	(Skip) ...22
D. K. Kharas	W. Hirst
F. K. Modi	A. E. Skinner
W. V. Field	A. C. Burford
H. V. Pearce	J. P. Robinson
(Skip) ...20	(Skip) ...20
E. McKay	J. S. Dinan
R. Hooper	J. Chadwick
W. Ward	J. M. Jack
A. L. Souza	F. G. Herridge
(Skip) ...19	(Skip) ...18
64	60

RECREIO v. C.S.C.C.

Playing at home the Club de Recreio beat the Civil Service Cricket Club by 17 shots.

Scores:	Civil Service.
J. Noronha	J. F. McGowan
A. Machado	C. F. Strange
H. Rozario	N. Babbington
F. X. Silva	F. Haynes
(Skip) ...24	(Skip) ...19
F. A. Xavier	F. Willmott
J. M. Alves	R. R. Wood
J. J. Basto	W. Bickford
F. V. Ribeiro	H. E. Strange
(Skip) ...21	(Skip) ...15
E. L. Barros	Knight
J. M. S. Rosario	R. Luck
A. E. Alves	R. Davies
J. G. Ozorio	W. E. Hollands
(Skip) ...25	(Skip) ...19
70	53

TAIKOO v. YACHT CLUB.

On their own green the Taikoo Recreation Club defeated the Yacht Club by 20 shots.

Scores:	Yacht Club.
Taikoo R.C.	F. Sutton
J. Watson	A. Murdoch
J. J. Whyte	F. W. Carpenter
T. Young	E. W. Ramsay
D. Munro	(Skip) ...19
(Skip) ...15	(Skip) ...19
S. Hope	E. B. Reed
W. Cunningham	R. J. Vernal
D. Speirs	W. C. Bonnar
R. M. Keown	W. Macfarlane
(Skip) ...23	(Skip) ...21
(Continued in next column.)	

PERRY WINS A U.S. TITLE.

Further Success in the Tennis World.

EASY VICTORY.

New York, Yesterday. F. J. Perry, the young British Davis Cup player, to-day won the Eastern Singles Championship at Rye when he defeated J. Gilbert Hall of New Jersey by 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.—Reuters's American Service.

CORRESPONDENCE.

REGRETTABLE ERROR.

[To the Editor of "China Mail"].

Sir,—I regret I made a very serious and unpardonable mistake in the information I sent you regarding the Ladies' Triangular Ping Pong Interport. Due to misinformation and inadvertence on my part, I wrote that Mr. Ho Sai-lu, the Hon. President of the Ping Pong League had kindly consented to present another handsome silver challenge cup for the winners, in memory of his loving mother the late Mrs. Ho Chak-sang. Actually Mrs. Ho Chak-sang is still living and in good health.

With the aid of your valuable columns, I here tender my sincere apologies to Mr. Ho Sai-lu, and to Mrs. Ho Chak-sang for my carelessness.

Yours, etc.,

E. K. WILLIAM,
Hon. Secretary.

W. Brown J. Bentley

T. Swan Hon. Mr. Southern
W. Bell A. Stevenson
R. K. Duncan A. Shields
(Skip) ...28 (Skip) ...6

66 46

K.B.G.C. v. ELECTRIC.

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club playing on their own green defeated Hong Kong Electric by 38 shots.

Scores:	Electric R.C.
Bowling Green.	J. Sloan
F. V. Whitta	F. Normington
J. G. Meyer	O. T. Padgett
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LADIES' NIGHT FETE AT THE V.R.C.

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AN INTERPORT TRIAL.

The Amateur Swimming Association put on a novel programme in the V.R.C. bath on Saturday evening, in the shape of a ladies' swimming gala. It drew a very large attendance and provided good sport.

Every event attracted numerous entries, and this necessitated many heats, with the result that two items—the 50 yards Hurdles Handicap and the Team Race—had to be cancelled. The girls also staged a creditable water polo match in which the coloured team defeated the white team by three goals to one. The goal scorers were: Colours, Miss E. Booth, 2; and Miss M. George, 1; Whites, Miss B. Divers, 1.

An interesting event was the Derby Race in which the following horses were well piloted by their pretty jockeys: Tytam Pop, Tishy, Wun Lung Gorn, Kowloon Filly, Win If I Can, and Wanchee Kip.

Interport Trial.

Included in the programme was the men's 220 yards Interport trial. W. Lawrence, L. Roza Pereira, S. V. Gittins and Li Shek-pui took part in this event. Roza Pereira was favourite, but Lawrence was in good form and, setting the pace from the start, won a well judged race in convincing style. The time was good, and in spite of the fact that the race was swum unusually fast for the first 100 yards, Lawrence did not appear to be pressed.

Results.

The results were:—Ladies' 50 yards Handicap.—1, Miss J. Harris Walker, time: 39.3/5 sec.; 2, Miss W. George.

Ladies' 100 yards Free Style Scratch Race.—1, Miss E. Allen, time: 81 sec.; 2, Miss D. Hunt, time: 82.2/5 sec.

Ladies' High Dive (two dives from spring board and one from platform).—1, Miss E. Blackburn, 49 points; 2, Miss M. George, 48 points. These two tied for first place and had to do extra dives to decide the issue.

Men's 22 yards Interport Trial.—1, W. Lawrence, time: 2 mins. 37.3/5 sec.; 2, L. Roza Pereira, time: 2 mins. 38 sec.

Ladies' Pillow Fight.—Winner, Miss Whitham, runner-up Miss W. Bonnar.

Ladies' 25 yards Free Style Scratch Race.—1, Mrs. J. MacMahon, time: 14.4/5 sec.; 2, Miss M. George, time: 15.4/5 sec.

Ladies' Derby Race.—1, Miss E. Booth; 2, Miss A. Steele.

Water Polo.—Colours beat Whites by three goals to one.

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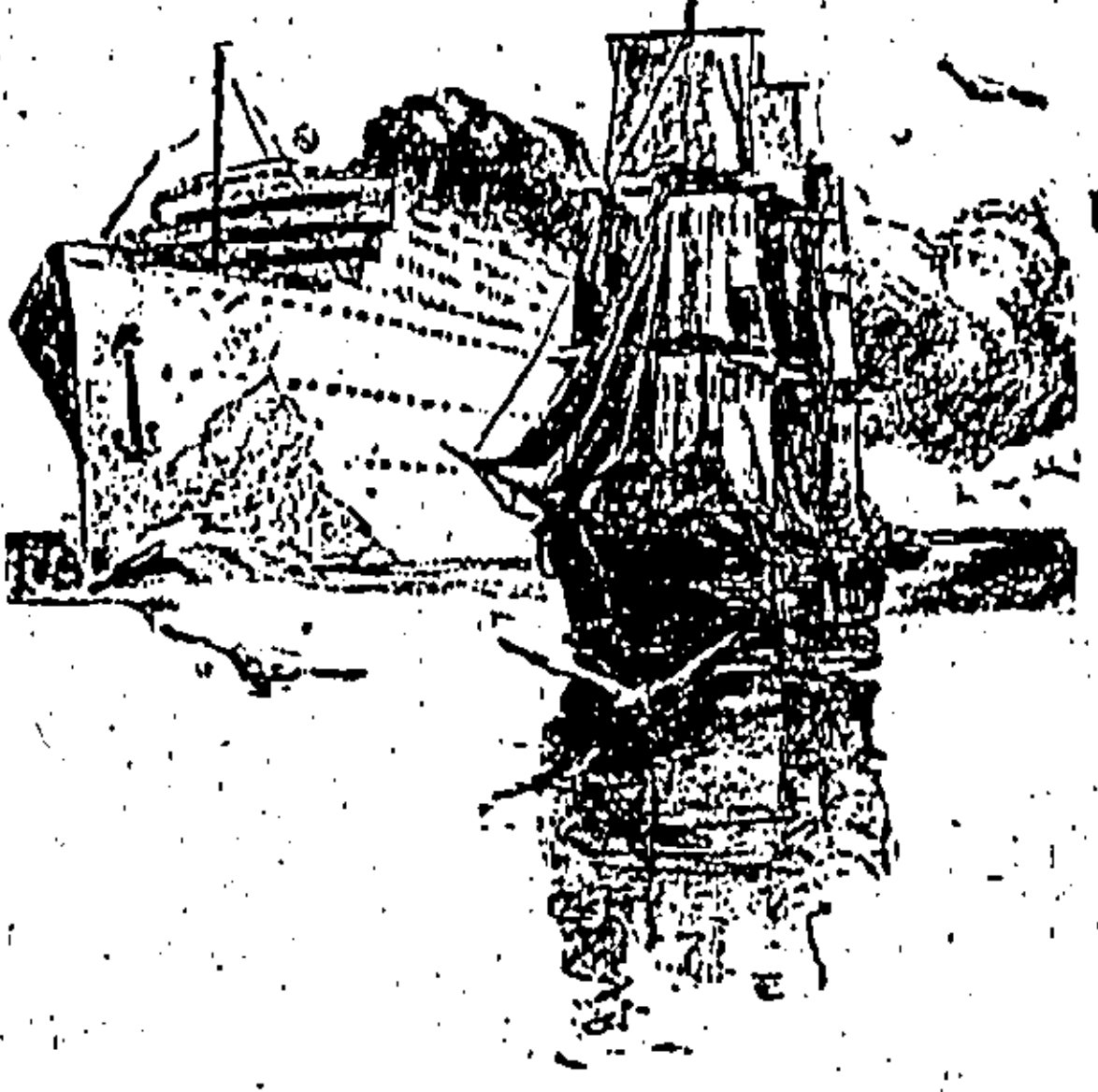
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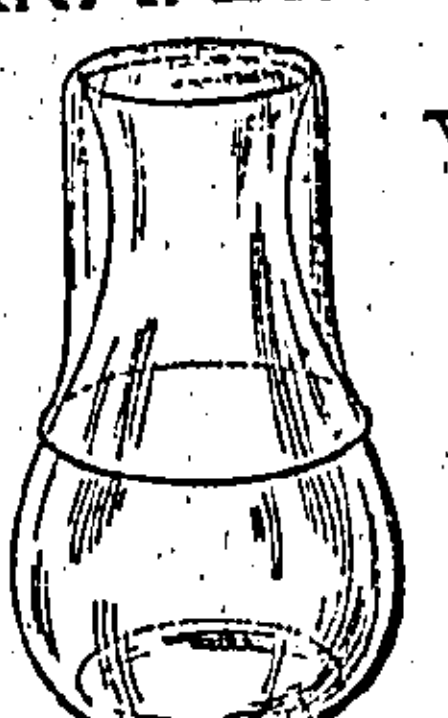
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Spain and Ulster.

The suggestion is not made that there is any direct, or indirect, association between the trouble brewing in the one country and already broken out in the other. The Empire of the Armada and the Province of the Irish Free State are bracketed together because the trouble is of a religious nature in both cases.

In Spain trouble is brewing because of the impending clash between the Church and State. What form it will take, the next few days will reveal. It will be expected that the Church, as it has always done, will furiously oppose any such restriction as the Radical Party in Spain seeks to impose upon it. It will be regrettable if such opposition causes bloodshed, but it is hoping too much of Spain to expect it to be a bloodless struggle.

In Ulster the trouble is between Catholics and Protestants, and unhappy incidents have already to be recorded against the one or other faiths. The Catholics, it would seem, set the fire alight by the blowing up of a bridge, in order to interfere with an assembly of Orangemen. On Saturday, it would seem, the Protestants (though it has not yet been proved to them) held up a goods train, derailed the engine and blocked the line to Armagh, where the Catholics were to have held a meeting. And, to-day, the cable records numerous acts of hooliganism, and one more serious, in which a Catholic widow's shop was burned down.

These outbreaks of religious fanaticism are greatly to be deplored, especially in the Christian Church, which seeks to teach to men and women of other faiths, that which it fails so signally itself to practise.

In writing the foregoing, we have not forgotten the incident a couple of months ago between Mussolini and the Vatican in regard to the Catholic Action movement. Not only was there more or less public rioting between the young Fascists and the youth of the Catholic Associations, but the Government itself officially

closed the meeting-places of the latter throughout Italy, and in Rome their archives were taken away for scrutiny, with the idea that they would yield evidence of anti-Fascism. The Vatican issued orders that the Bishops should take over the management of the branches of the Catholic Action, a manoeuvre intended to make it more difficult for the civil authorities to intervene.

This secret rivalry was bound to lead to a clash, and it will, it is fairly safe to say, lead to a good many more in the future. Both parties are ambitious of all the power they can get, and they will always be quietly engaged in a tussle with each other which will now and again break out into a quarrel.

Neither party, however, is desirous of pushing matters to a point which would be injurious to both, and they will continue to quarrel and be reconciled until the day comes — as it probably will sooner or later — when the Fascist regime is visibly breaking down and the Vatican thinks it can make a better bargain with some new force in Italy. As yet, that day has not come, though there are signs that discontent is smouldering under the surface and that the Fascist authorities are tending to rely more upon fear in lieu of the popular enthusiasm they formerly commanded.

Mail Commentary.

Gandhi and London.

"I must not sail for London," is what the Mahatma is reported to have said the other day. It may have been truer had he said, "I am not allowed to sail for London." Mahatma Gandhi is to-day, a great force in Indian national life. He is a force not to be ignored. But he is not the force he used to be a few years ago. Much of his influence has been usurped by the millionaires of the Bombay Presidency. It is they who, having paid the piper, take good care to-day to see they call the tune to which they wish their brothers to dance.

It will be remembered that, on Tuesday of last week, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, for a puerile reason, decided to boycott the Round-Table Conference. The next day the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress followed suit, but astutely advanced another reason — alleged branches of the Irwin-Gandhi Pact. Neither the

Mahatma, nor the Congress, can ignore the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce.

A rather parallel position exists to-day in Cuba, according to a Havana correspondent, who maintains that bankers in the U.S.A. are really at the bottom of the back of the revolutionaries.

Floods.

The reports of the floods in China make distressing reading, and the sympathy of the Colony, no doubt, will be materially and substantially expressed in due course. Few realise what a flood disaster actually means. And, usually, those who fare most badly are those who can the least afford to face such a calamity. In the case of the Yangtze floods this year, they are of a magnitude exceeding those of more recent years, and it is no exaggeration to say that they are a calamitous national disaster. The Chinese Emergency Flood Relief Commission has not been too soon instituted, and it is decidedly a step in the right direction. It has before it a colossal piece of labour to perform. That it succeed will be the wish of all.

Further away from here comes news to-day of floods in Mexico, where disease has broken out and already claimed 200 children as victims, and where widespread devastation has occurred.

News-in-Brief.

The regimental concert in the Botanical Gardens to-night has been postponed.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 78 degrees. The humidity was 84 at 10 a.m. and 87 at 4 p.m.

Correspondence relative to the temporary absence from the Colony of Mr. F. C. Hall will be held at the Sanitary Board meeting to-morrow.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week-ended August 1 amounted to 100,962 tons, and the sales during the period to 98,633 tons.

It is notified at the Harbour Office that firing practice will be carried out by the French sloop *Regulus* at Gai Tau rock in Mts Bay during the week commencing to-day.

Correspondence relative to the application for the registration of No. 8, Morrison Hill Road, ground floor, as a dairy will be submitted at the Sanitary Board meeting to-morrow.

As the result of a fall down the stairs from the first floor of 16, First Street, a woman, Kwan-yan, aged 58 years, injured her head and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

The Naval Armament Supply Officer has informed the Harbour Master that a small quantity of fireworks will be fired for proof purposes at the Stonecutter's rifle range on Wednesday morning.

Mr. V. Shewaran, proprietor of the Pioneer Silk Store, left by the Empress of Canada for Japan on a business trip to inspect the branches in Yokohama and elsewhere in the North. Mr. V. Rupchand is now manager of the Pioneer Silk Store pending his return.

Correspondence relative to the appointment of a Select Committee to advise the Board in the matter of exemptions and modifications from all or any of the conditions laid down in by-law 4 of the by-laws governing food-preserving establishments will be read at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow.

M. Avenel, Deputy Secretary-General of the League of Nations, and Mr. Lovelady, Director of the Financial Section of the League, arrived in Vienna yesterday. Their visit is in response to the Austrian Government's request to the Council of the League of Nations to examine Austria's economic and financial difficulties, according to a Reuter message.

NEWS IN ADVTS.

The a.s. President Lincoln sails for New York to-morrow at 10 a.m.

CLAIM FOR ASSETS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the claimants should have an opportunity, whether the merits of the case as set out by me appeal to the Court or not, to state their case before the Chief Justice.

Liquidator's Rejection.

Mr. Sheldon then referred to the formal communication of the claims by the creditors, and their rejection in a reply made by the Liquidator. The reply indicated that evidence in support should be produced within seven days. This counsel contended was insufficient time, and gave rise to the request for an adjournment, which was refused by the Chief Justice, in Chambers.

That, repeated Mr. Sheldon, was his whole point. He asked Their Lordships to decide in favour of appellants, that they should have an opportunity to obtain the evidence, and then proceed with the hearing of their claims.

Circumvention.

Mr. Jenkin, in reply, said:—The refusal of the learned Chief Justice to grant an adjournment was based, I think, in large measure upon circumstances which I placed before him, showing that the application to file these proofs by these creditors was a very thinly-veiled attempt on the part of the Chinese liquidators in Shanghai to circumvent the effect of previous decisions of the Court. Eight different attempts have been made by those liquidators to get money from the Hong Kong assets into China, and on one occasion I believe, into Paris. Your Lordships should bear in mind that the summons was heard on May 8 last. Creditors had had more than three months in which to obtain supporting evidence, and it could have been got in that time. Had any application been made to the Court during that time I have no doubt it would have been granted.

Nine Attempts in All.

Mr. Jenkin added that this was creditors' ninth attempt, and continued:—I wish to submit on these facts that this action is a subterfuge, made by using the names of alleged preferential creditors, to get assets into the hands of the Chinese liquidators. They have exhausted every legal channel, and were defeated in every case. Then they bethought themselves of this matter of preferential creditors. These people are attempting to go into this liquidation, which has now been current for nearly five years, in the guise of preferential creditors. Such an allegation must be very gravely doubted by Your Lordships.

The President (Sir Peter Grain): Your point, I take it, is that the Chief Justice was quite right in refusing this adjournment, because the application was so obviously useless that it was no good continuing with the matter—Yes, My Lord.

In fact it was really the case that the application was bound to fail?—That is so.

Late in the Day.

Mr. Jenkin further submitted that this was not a really bona-fide application. The appellants had never regarded themselves as preferred creditors. The record over nearly five years, in this liquidation, had not even hinted of there being any preferred creditors at all, either in Hong Kong, or Shanghai. Three or four of these creditors had branch offices in Hong Kong, and did know, of the liquidation here, and if so, of their right, were they preferred creditors, to prove that.

"If these people were really preferred creditors the point could never have been missed," said counsel, "because their claim for four lakhs and over would entitle them immediately to the whole of the surplus assets here."

"On the assumption that they are bona-fide preferential creditors they must have qualifications such as are required by Hong Kong legislation. The case is covered by the Companies' Ordinance, and in this event, by the Bankruptcy Ordinance as well. For that reason I contend that this appeal is unsustainable."

The President: I think judgment had better be reserved, for the purpose of giving it in writing. Judgment was accordingly reserved, and the Court rose.

Q.M.S. HILL.

Sudden Death in Military Hospital.

A KEEN SPORTSMAN.

We regret to report the death of Quartermaster Sergeant William S. Hill, who passed away in the Military Hospital at Bowen Road yesterday at 6 p.m. after a very short illness.

Mr. Hill, who was a Sergeant in the H.K.S.B.R.A., 5th Heavy Battery, was about 39 years of age. He was removed to the Military Hospital on Saturday suffering from an illness which was not diagnosed. He leaves a wife and a son aged 10 years.

Sergeant Hill came to the Colony late in 1927, and was exceedingly well known in local sporting circles. He was a member of the Referees' Association, and last year was a member of the Committee of the Kowloon Football Club, being closely connected with all the ventures held by the Club. He was also a member of the R.A.O.B. (Sincerity Lodge).

Having 18 years' service in the R.A. Sergeant Hill was awarded the Long Service Medal, and his death will be mourned by a large number of colleagues.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4.30.

Mrs. J. S. Landolt.

It is with the deepest regret that the *China Mail* records the death of Mrs. J. S. Landolt, wife of Mr. J. S. Landolt, of the Purchasing Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mrs. Landolt died at the French Hospital, following an operation. She had not been in the best of health for some time. Besides the widower, there is a small son, aged three, left to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Landolt had very many friends in the Colony. She was the daughter (Cynthia) of Mr. A. E. Tavares, for many years connected with the firm of Alex. Ross and Co. She was about 30 years of age.

The funeral, it is understood, will take place this evening at 5.45.

Mr. H. Somervail.

It is with regret that we record the sudden death, after a short illness, of Mr. H. Wardlaw Somervail, of the Callender's Cable and Construction Co., Ltd. He took ill on Wednesday and passed away in the Peak Hospital on Saturday afternoon at five o'clock.

News of his death came as a great shock to his many friends.

Mr. Somervail came to the Colony in July, 1930, for the Callender's Cable and Construction Co., Ltd., to take charge of the erection of the 22,000 volt transmission line in the New Territories. Although only 31 years of age Mr. Somervail was greatly experienced in this particular class of work, and had spent many years in charge of similar construction in the Sudan and the West Coast of Africa.

He was engaged to be married and was due to sail for Home on Saturday by the s.s. *Rajputana*.

A large number of mourners attended the funeral at Happy Valley yesterday. The Rev. E. G. Powell, of the Union Church, being the officiating clergyman.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of August 17, 1921]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8%.

A report on the Assessment of the Colony for the year 1921-22 has just been issued. The Treasurer and the Assessor say that by order of H.E. the Governor in Council the valuation of the whole Colony has been made and the rateable value has thereby been increased from \$17,408,959, to \$18,696,660, an addition of \$1,287,701.

The number of tenements reported vacant averaged about 79 monthly.

WHO'S TO BLAME?

Cargo Boats in Collision.

\$100 DAMAGE.

Reports of a collision in harbour on Saturday afternoon were made at the Harbour Office this morning.

Leung Yee, mistress of a cargo boat, reported that at about 1.30 p.m., when the typhoon signal was up, her boat left Stonecutters for Causeway Bay refuge. While under sail she saw near buoy No. 3, the steam launch Pook Loi towing a cargo boat astern. The launch and junk were then slightly to Leung Yee's starboard bow. They were crossing her course, and Leung Yee shouted to the steam launch to clear. She alleged that no notice was taken of her cries and the launch and junk continued to cross ahead. Immediately after there was a sudden gust of wind which forced Leung Yee to lower her sail, and it was just about this time that the launch, instead of standing on her course, started to swing round, steering a course parallel to Leung Yee's. The launch cleared Leung Yee's craft, but the boat she had in tow came in contact with the other junk, striking her amidship.

Yeung Hing, a fooki of the other junk, in his report said that his craft was being towed by the steam launch Pook Loi to the Yau-mai shelter, when near Buoy No. 3 she was hit amidship on the starboard side by another cargo boat under sail. He stated that he did not notice the other junk before the collision until it was some 20 feet away, and asserted that it was the duty of the towing launch to keep a lookout. Just before the collision he put out a fender but it was too late. Damage was done to his junk to the amount of \$100.

The coxswain of the steam launch Pook Loi has not yet made a report with regard to the collision.

SILENT WELCOME.

Poseidon Survivors Reach Home.

LARGE CROWD.

London, Yesterday. A subdued group of friends and relatives waited on the platform of Victoria Station to-day to meet three of the officers, who were survivors of the Poseidon submarine disaster. Their arrival from Marseilles was watched by a crowd behind the barriers, and extra police were on duty.

Nobody on the Channel steamer recognised the officers, who, true to the tradition of the Silent Service, would say nothing about the disaster.

Lieut. Fisher, another survivor, flew from Marseilles and was on the platform. He was greeted warmly by his comrades.—Reuter.

FRUSTRATED.

Plot Against Viceregal Train?

REVOLUTIONARY ARRESTED.

Cawnpore, Yesterday. Police have frustrated what is believed to have been a revolutionary plot, timed to culminate on the occasion of the Viceroy's visit to Cawnpore to-morrow.

Acting on suspicion they stopped a motor car on a bridge outside the city and found that it contained bombs and other explosives. The police have also arrested the alleged revolutionary Avasthi, and three confederates. Sensational developments are expected.—Reuter.

THE LINDBERGH.

Perilous Part of The Trip.

OFF TO KAMCHATKA.

Nome, Alaska, Saturday. The Lindberghs left here at 6.15 p.m. to-day, on the most hazardous part of their flight across the Bering Sea to Kamchatka.

Seattle, Yesterday. Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh have landed on Karagin Island off Siberia.—Reuter's American Service.

TEMPORARY BOOM AT END IN U.S.A.

New Low Records Established.

HOOVER PLAN.

New York, Yesterday. The temporary boom in the United States, created by the Hoover Plan, appears to have died down.

The New York Times's weekly index of basic business shows that activity has fallen to the new low record of 72.5 as compared with 73.5 in the previous week, and the estimated five-year normal level is a hundred. The index for the corresponding week of 1930 was 86.9.

The only line not showing a severe reduction, compared with 1930, is cotton cloth production in which the index is 90.4 as compared with 77.7.

It is generally felt that there will be no improvement until the European situation clears.—Reuter's American Service.

CHEAP ATLANTIC FARES.

Big Reduction in Passage Money.

ACROSS FOR £15.10.

London, Yesterday. Great reductions in the trans-Atlantic passenger fares have been announced by the White Star and Cunard lines. Reductions by the former company will come into force on October 1, and provide for a 36 per cent. cut on the first class fares.

The Cunard reductions, which will operate from to-morrow on ships leaving Canada and New York, and on October 1 on the boats leaving Britain, range from £3 10s. third class, to £7 10s. on the luxury suites.

The new minimum rate for first class on the Aquitania and Berengaria is £51. The Atlantic crossing is now possible for £15 10s. third class, on both lines.—Reuter.

RELIGION AND THE STATE.

Tense Struggle in Spain.

"OFFICIAL ATHEISM."

Madrid, Yesterday. Unite in a struggle against "Official Atheism" runs a joint pastoral letter to Catholics signed by the whole Episcopate, which strongly denounces the new Constitution as establishing the crudest form of Laicism.

Sale of Religious Properties. Meantime, the Radical minority is tabling with the Cortes a motion to prevent the clergy from selling religious property.

Secret Diplomacy Denounced. Clauses of the Constitution which will be read in the Cortes on Tuesday are gradually being revealed. For instance, the death penalty is to be abolished, secret diplomacy denounced, and the Budget appropriation of "secret funds" is to be abolished.—Reuter.

SMUGGLER HELD.

Ammunition Off Maru Boat.

ASTUTE WATCHMAN.

Leung Tai Luk-sang, a coolie, was this morning charged before Mr. Fraser in the Kowloon Police Court, with having unlawful possession of 200 rounds of .32 ammunition.

Sub-Inspector. Elston said that the man was seen leaving the s.s. Chichibu Maru on Saturday afternoon. An Indian watchman noticed that the man's coat was bulging, and stopped him. The man dropped the packet and bolted. The packet later turned out to contain 200 rounds of ammunition.

Some time after, the man was seen trying to get back on board the ship by climbing a rope, and was caught.

He alleged that he had picked up the packet on board the ship. A fine of \$1,000 or six months' hard labour was imposed.

SERIOUS CHARGE.

Three Canton Boys Detained.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

Produced at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, three Chinese, Fong Wai-cheung, Yeung Tak and Chau Lam, the latter a woman, were charged with detaining three Chinese boys at 116, Tung Choi Street, without the consent of their parents.

Inspector Murphy, of the S.C.A., said that the children were kidnapped in Canton, the smaller of the three being actually kidnapped by the second defendant and brought to Hong Kong by the first accused.

It appears that on August 6 the first and third defendant went to No. 70, Portland Street and offered the children for sale.

Information was laid by a woman from that address and the two defendants were arrested when they came to further the negotiations the next day. On the way to the Police Station they offered the officer a bribe.

Yeung Tak, the second defendant, was arrested later at No. 116, Tung Choi Street.

The case is proceeding.

GERMAN CREDITS.

Creditors Agree to Prolongation.

Basle, Yesterday. The bankers, who are continuing their conversations, stated that creditor powers were disposed to prolong the short-term credits for six months on the condition that this was acceptable to the central banks interested and to the Bank of International Settlements. They were also disposed to prolong for six months the hundred million dollar credit which had already been extended for three months by the Bank of International Settlements.

The difficulty was raised by the German request for the relaxation of the conditions imposed by the creditors.—Reuter.

OIL CONTROL.

Governor's Drastic Action.

Houston (Texas), Yesterday. Drastic action to deal with the overproduction of oil has been taken by Governor Sterling, who announced that he has ordered National guard units to be mobilised for duty in East Texas in order to shut down the wells. This action follows the petition of the oil operators that the waste of oil be forcibly prevented, pending the enforcement of the Conservation Law a fortnight hence.—Reuter's American Service.

STIMSON'S DENIAL.

Reparations and War Debts.

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. H. L. Stimson, who has been holidaying in Scotland, has cabled a denial of the rumours that he has been discussing the questions of war debts and reparations with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. Mr. Stimson declares that the rumours are entirely without foundation.—Reuter's American Service.

THE NAUTILUS.

First Cruise To-day.

Oslo, Yesterday. The submarine Nautilus arrived at Long Year City, Spitzbergen, at 6 p.m. to-day. It will make its first cruise into Polar waters on Monday, and will have its base at Spitzbergen.—Reuter.

BUILDINGS LAW.

Mr. M. K. Lo will move at the meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow.

"That the Select Committee of the Board appointed to exercise the powers and functions of the Board under section 162 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance be invited to examine into the existing practice relating to the requirement of 'one house, one well, one pump' and to report to the Board what are the grounds for this requirement and whether and under what conditions it is possible and desirable to relax them."

BETTER FACTORIES.

Features of British Report.

CHANGING CONDITIONS.

Rugby, Saturday. The annual report of the Chief Inspector of Factories records a decrease in the number of accidents, fatal and non-fatal.

The report also refers to the development of industries in and around Greater London, in spite of the general depression. New works are being built which provide not only facilities for production of a high order but for the health, safety and welfare of the workers. The reason why London has suffered less severely from the depression than other areas, it is suggested, is the great variety of its manufactures.

But, throughout Great Britain, there are many instances of large expenditures in building better factories, modern machinery, and changing methods so as to increase effective economy in production by labour-saving devices, fuel economy and the use of raw materials.—British Wireless Service.

EMPIRE TOURS.

Public-Schoolboys Leave for Australia.

STUDYING INDUSTRIES.

Rugby, Saturday. Twenty-two Public School boys left England to-day on a tour of Australia. The tour has been arranged by the School Empire Tour Committee. The outward trip will be by the Panama Canal and New Zealand. In Australia, where the boys will spend a week, they will be brought into close association with the life and industries of the country. All the principal cities and towns will be visited, and the programme includes excursions to sheep and cattle stations, wheat and fruit farms, and vineyards. The homeward voyage will be by Colombo, Port Said and Malta.—British Wireless Service.

LETTERS AND RADIO

Addresses Which Cannot Be Traced.

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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 865 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Recorded Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Recorded Programme.

7-8.25 p.m.—Columbia Records kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

7.05-7.35 p.m.—Band Selection.

The Midday March (Alford), Faithful and Bold (Tust).

The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (DB230).

Softly Awakes My Heart from "Samson and Delilah" (Saint-Saens), Il Bacio (Arditi).

The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (4028).

Military March.

The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (5471).

Russian Fantasy (arr. Lange & Somers), Petition Lane (A "Kosher" Medley) (arr. Parry).

Debroy Somers Band (9830).

7.35-8.10 p.m.—Octets.

Moonbeams and Shadows (Squire), Melody (Davies).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (5639).

Chant Sans Paroles (Tchaikowsky, arr. Sear), Invitation to the Valse (Weber arr. Sear).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (5639).

Scene De Ballet (de Beriot arr. Sear), Second Movement from "Symphonie Pathétique" (Tchaikowsky, arr. Robertson).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (5639).

Memories of Tchaikowsky (arr. Sear).

J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (5639).

8.10-8.25 p.m.—Operatic.

Barber of Seville—Overture (Rossini), Classic-Symphony Orchestra (10060).

La Boheme—Selection (Puccini arr. Gauwin).

New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (9307).

8.25-10.30 p.m.—Programme of Records kindly loaned from Mr. A. M. Bowers-Smith's Collection.

(Two more programmes from this source will be broadcast on Monday, August 23, and Monday, August 30.)

8.25-8.50 p.m.—Musical Comedy, etc.

Blue Train—You've Got to Fit Your Steps, Bobbie Howes and Chorus (Col. 4440).

Vocal Gems from "Dancing I Love You" and "Here Comes the Bride" (Light Opera Co. (H.M.V. (C1871).

Selection from "Clowns in Clover" Ray Scarita & the Piccadilly Novel Band (Col. 5255).

Theme Song "Splinters" Layton and Johnson (Col. DB88).

8.50-9.18 p.m.—Orchestral.

Two Bavarian Dances (Eigan), London Symphony Orchestra (H.M.V. D1307).

Sleeping Beauty—Waltz (Tchaikowsky), Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden (H.M.V. C1415).

Molly on the Shore (Granger), Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden (H.M.V. B2461).

Shepherd Fennels Dance (Balfour Gardiner), Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden (H.M.V. C1469).

Dance of the Apprentices (Die Meistersinger) (Wagner), Albert Coates & Symphony Orchestra (Vic. 9060).

9.18-9.37 p.m.—Piano Solos by Wilhelm Backhaus.

Bohemian Dance (Smetana), Caprice Espagnole (Moskowski), (H.M.V. DB1130).

Studies Op. 25 Nos. 2 & 11 (Chopin), (H.M.V. DB1178).

Military March in E Flat (Schubert arr. Backhaus), (H.M.V. DB1125).

9.37-10.03 p.m.—Variety.

Songs at the Piano—That's Why I Love Her, You Mustn't do It After 8 O'clock, There's One Little Girl Who Loves Me, Layton and Johnson (Col. 4805).

Laughing Record—The Singing Lesson (Odeon 01680).

10.03-10.30 p.m.—Concerto.

George Gershwin's (Jazz) Piano Concerto.

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NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore. Alaska Maru			Sun.	11th Oct.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon. Kinai Maru			Tues.	16th Sept.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon. Hokuroku Maru			Tues.	6th Oct.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & Pakhoi (Fortnightly). Shunko Maru			Wed.	19th Aug.
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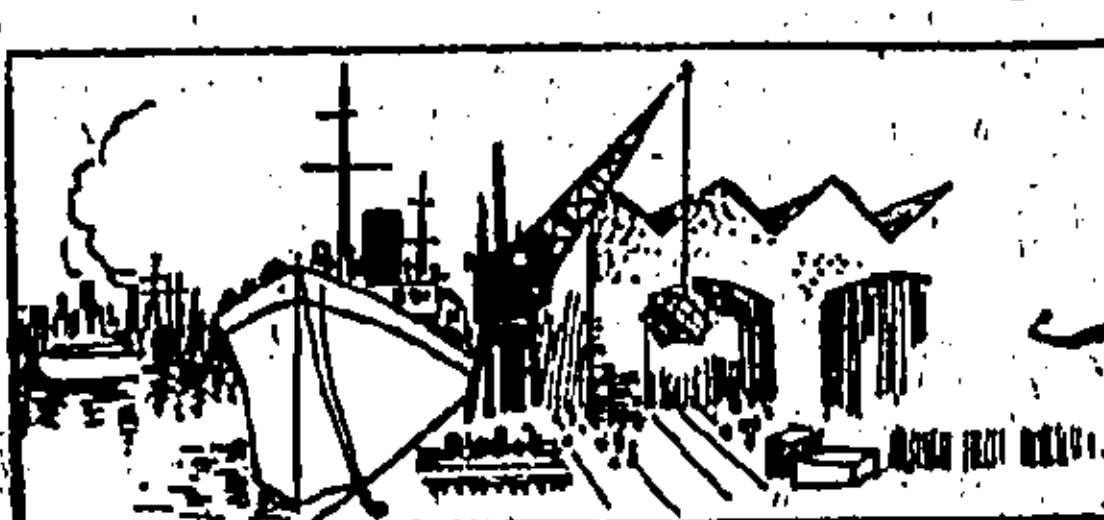
COMMODORE'S VIEWS.

Sail Training Makes Better Sailors.

The view-point of those who do not regard sail training as essential in these mechanical days is crystallized by Sir Arthur Rostron, who retired recently as commodore of the Cunard Line. "Sir Arthur was also years in sail, and in an inter-

view recently he expressed the opinion that a man trained in sail was probably a better seafarer than one who has not been in sail. "But," he asked, "what's the good of harking back? We must go forward. Times have changed utterly, and the handling of a sailing ship is an entirely different thing from handling a ship of 50,000 tons and over."

Religion is indispensable. Signor Mussolini.



Shipping Intelligence.

SUNKEN LINER'S TREASURE.

Salvage Work on the Egypt Wreck.

SUCCESS NEAR.

Brest, Saturday. Fifteen bombs have been exploded by divers from the salvage ship Artiglio, on the deck of the P. & O. liner Egypt, which was sunk in 1922, in an attempt to reach the strong room which contains £1,000,000 in bullion. Evidently the salvage party are near success, for Lloyd's have insured the transit of the gold to England, for which purpose a warship will be provided as an escort.—Reuter.

NEW FRENCH LINER.

The twin-screw motor passenger liner Aramis under construction at the yard of the Forges et Ch. de la Mediterranee, is for the Messageries-Maritimes, and is a vessel of 15,000 tons gross. Accommodation is provided for 185 first class, 133 second class and 650 stowage passengers, whilst four are berthed in luxury suites and four in cabins de luxe. In addition, 10,200 tons of cargo will be carried. The Aramis is 554 ft. long with a beam of 69 ft. 9 ins. and a draught of 28 ft., the depth to C deck being about 47 ft. The machinery consists of two ten cylinder Sulzer units developing a total of 11,600 h.p. and having cylinders 680 mm. in diameter with a stroke of 1,200 mm. The auxiliary motors include five Sulzer generating sets each of 400 kw., and three electric lifts will be installed. The Aramis will maintain a service speed of 17½ knots. The engines are being built by the Cie. Con. Mercurique Procédés Sulzer.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of this place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

August 17 to 23, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
August	Standard Time	Standard Time
Mon. 17	00 00 11 38	04 52 14 10
Tue. 18	01 20 12 28	05 18 14 45
Wed. 19	01 01 13 18	05 44 15 21
Thurs. 20	01 42 14 00	06 10 15 56
Fri. 21	02 21 14 38	06 36 16 31
Sat. 22	03 18 15 15	07 01 17 06
Sun. 23	04 15 15 52	07 27 17 41

WATER LEVELS.

Details for West, North and East Rivers.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River on the dates named:—

	Aug. 13	Aug. 14
West River at Shihing	21.1	21.6
North River at Samshui	8.6	9.2
East River at Tsingyuen	12.0	12.6
The highest levels recorded are:—Shihing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.3 feet; Shihing, 11.5 feet.		
The lowest levels on record are minus 5 feet at Samshui and minus 2.7 feet at Shihing.		

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—Caradoc—No. 4 buoy. Cicala—No. 24 buoy. Odin—No. 22 buoy. Otus—No. 23 buoy. Seraph—No. 7 buoy. Serapis—No. 8 buoy. Stormcloud—No. 12 buoy. Tamar—Basin. Taranula—No. 21 buoy. Foreign. Argus—French gunboat. Helena—American gunboat. Regulus—French sloop. Smith Thompson—American gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Bendoran from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here on August 24. The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai on August 16 (Sun.) at 4 p.m., left Shanghai on August 17 (Mon.) at 11 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on August 19 (Wed.) at 3 p.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on August 20 (Thurs.) at 5 p.m.

ITALIAN NAVY.

The cruiser of 10,160 tons and with a speed of 32 knots now under construction at Livorno is to be named the Pola. This is the seventh of the standard cruisers built for the Italian navy and will probably complete the series. There exists in the Italian navy an old ex-Austrian destroyer which bears the name Pola and this will now be changed to Zenson. The cruiser Zara recently underwent her speed trials successfully. Her displacement is 11,280 tons. She attained a speed of 33.3 knots and this may be exceeded as there had been no previous trial. The Zara is similar to the Flume and also belongs to the class of standard 10,000 ton cruisers derived from the Trento type. She is shorter and has less powerful engines but is stronger in protective armour.

CHINESE SHIPPING COMPANY.

Petition Submitted for Reorganisation.

SLICE EXPENSES.

Reorganization of the China Steam Navigation Company is being petitioned for, according to Mr. K. F. Bao, general secretary of the company. The main purpose of the reorganization is to slice the expenses of the company which will mean that a large number of the staff will be dispensed with. The retrenchment policy will enable the company to add tonnage to ships now operated along the Yangtze River and repair these old ones.

"We can not help doing so," explained Mr. Bao, "because the company owes \$10,000,000 to local bankers." He also said that the last administration of the company did not pay its debts.

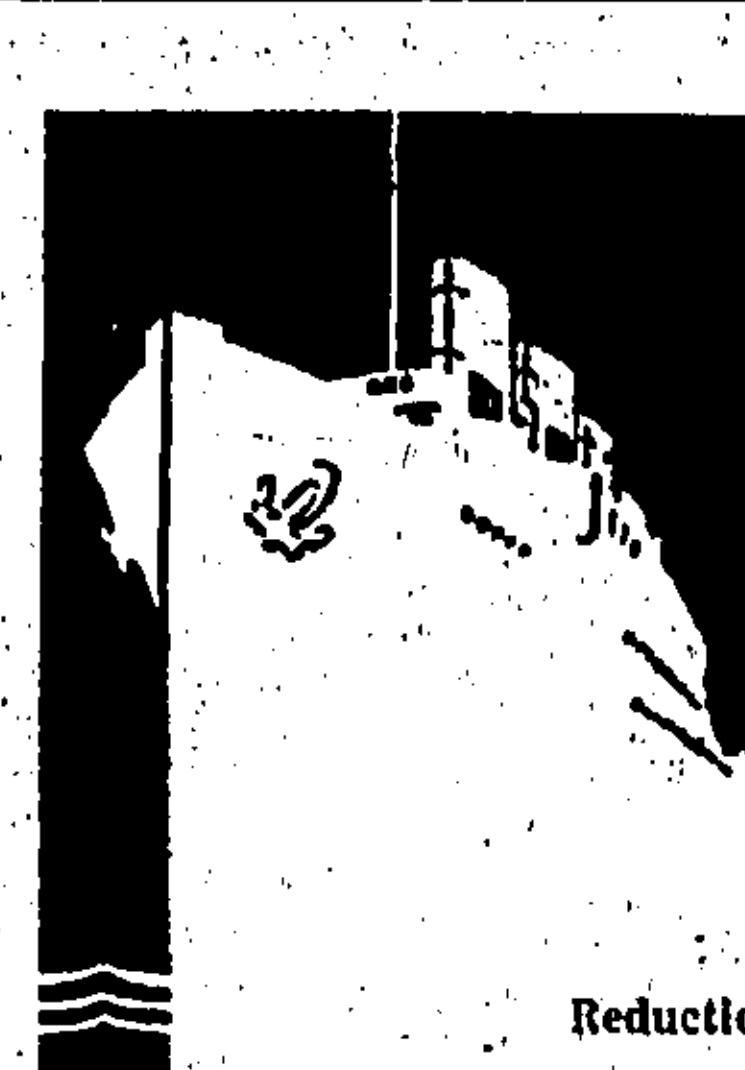
The reorganization will affect both foreign and Chinese officers of the company, although experienced foreign pilots will be retained. Concerning the buying of the King Lee Yuen Wharf from the French Catholic Mission Mr. Bao said that the French consul-general, Mr. Koechlin, had expressed willingness to accept \$250,000 offered by the company, but the French priests insisted on \$300,000 and have already wired to Paris for instructions from the church there.—Canton Gazette.

THE FIONIA.

To Make First 1,000,000-Mile Record.

Unless some unforeseen incident occurs, the East Asiatic Co.'s motor vessel Fionia will rob the Selandia of the distinction of completing a million miles at sea, (says the July Motor Ship). When the Fionia leaves Copenhagen for Bangkok on September 1 she will be short of the million-mile mark by 18,893 miles.

Accordingly, the Fionia will complete her million miles, in all probability, about December, whereas the Selandia is not expected to reach this mileage until possibly May or June, 1932. The explanation of this circumstance is that, with her 4,000 h.p. Diesel machinery, the Fionia is an appreciably faster ship than the Selandia, which has machinery of 2,500 h.p., although the Selandia was built two years before the Fionia. The Selandia was in Copenhagen about the middle of June and on arrival she had then covered 942,674 miles. It will be recalled that this vessel was built and engineered by Burmeister and Wain, Ltd., in 1912, so that she has now been 19 years in service.



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Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 9
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
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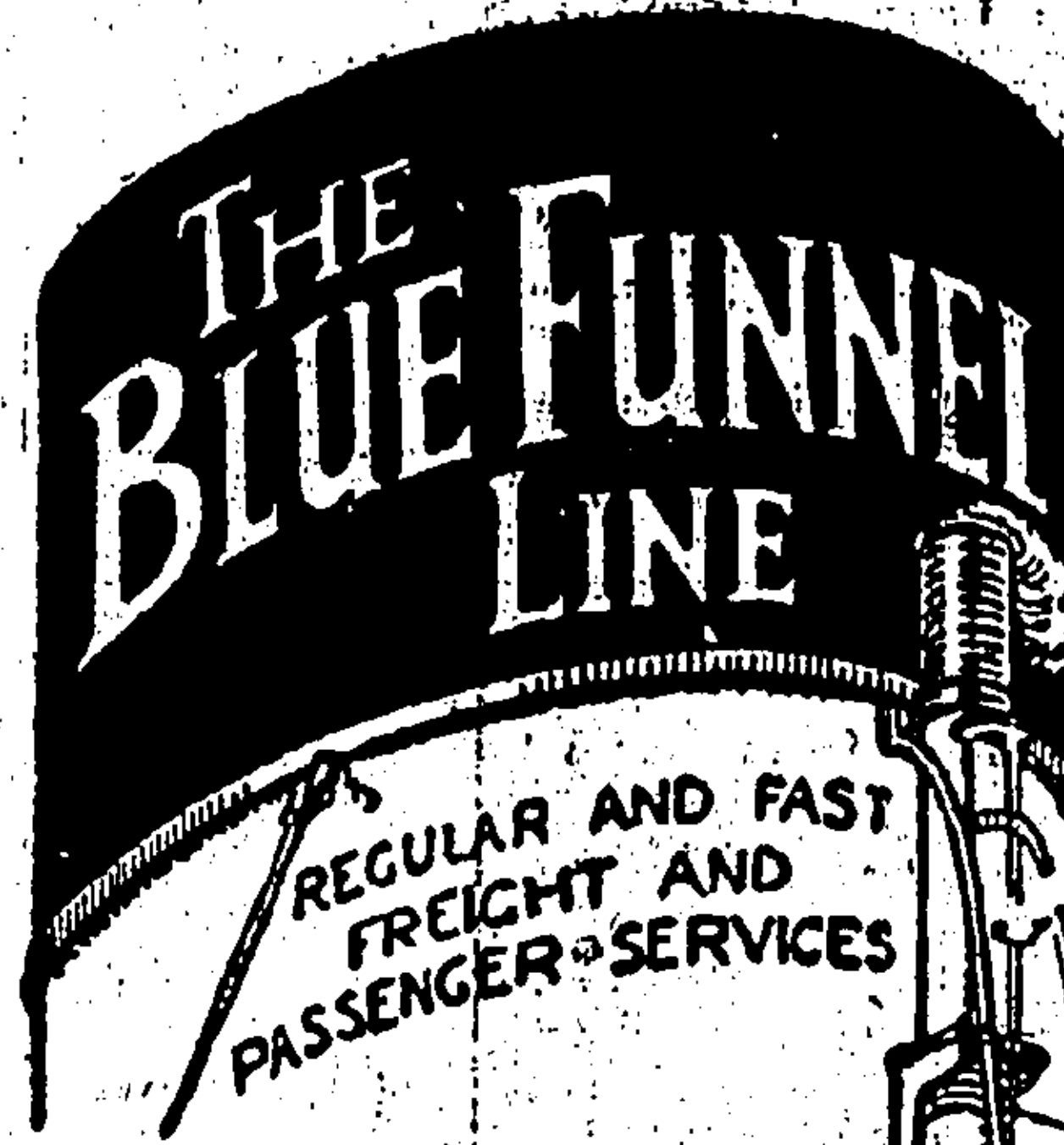
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KASHMIR	9,000	12th Sept.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SUODAN	6,800	15th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	25th Sept.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NELLORE	7,000	28th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yama.
SANTHIA	8,000	5th Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
NALDERA	16,000	10th Oct.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,000	17th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	23rd Oct.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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ANNUAL MEETING OF SUEZ CANAL.

Shipping Activity Lessened.

FALLING OFF IN TRANSITS.

The seventy-seventh annual gen-
eral meeting of the Suez Canal
Company was held in Paris recent-
ly. The chair was taken by the
president, the Marquis de Vogue,
who presented the report of the
directors, and said:—
The economic crisis, the first
effects of which upon the traffic of
the canal referred to last year,
was extended and even accentuated
during the whole of 1930. At the
same time various special circum-
stances, such as the boycott of Brit-
ish products in India and the de-
preciation of silver in China, had
a depressing effect upon the trade
between Europe and certain parts
of the Far East. Under the in-
fluence of these various causes
shipping activity through the Suez
Canal fell off considerably. No
this there was added the effect of
the reduction in dues of 25 cen-
times, which came into force on
September 1, and the result was
that there was a reduction of
about 80,000,000 fr. in the transit
receipts as compared with the pre-
vious year. It was in such cir-
cumstances that one could ap-
preciate the advantages of the
prudent financial policy which was
traditional in their company.

Thanks to the steps taken in the
years of prosperity, the position
of the amortisation funds and
various other provisions was such
that the directors were able to pre-
pose that the amounts to be set
aside should be substantially re-
duced, enabling the gross dividend per
capital share to be fixed at 650 fr.
This result was obtained without
having recourse to the extra-
ordinary reserve, which remained
fully available to compensate for
the diminution in receipts which
might be anticipated for the cur-
rent year. The directors had re-
ceived from shipowners—and es-
pecially from British shipowners—
repeated requests for a further and
substantial reduction in the com-
pany's transit tariff. The argu-
ment which was submitted in sup-
port of this request had received
most careful attention.

Important Sacrifice.
If, indeed, they could have be-
lieved that, as contended in cer-
tain quarters, the Suez Canal tran-
sit dues were an appreciable factor
in the economic depression, a
fortiori if they had reason to hope
that a reduction in these dues might
result in a substantial increase in
the traffic of the canal, they would
not hesitate to meet the wishes of
shipowners, at least in part; but
the investigations which were made
had led the directors to the opposite
conclusion. A reduction in tariffs
made under present conditions
would impose upon the company a
further and important sacrifice
which would certainly find no ap-
preciable compensation in a cor-
responding development in traffic.
A time would come, they hoped,
when, circumstances having chang-

ed, a reduction in dues would ap-
pear opportune, and then they
would not fail to put it into effect
spontaneously, as they had done
many times in the past; but they
refused to do it to-day under the
pressure of an opinion which they
considered to be ill-informed. The
company had shown the most ac-
commodating and liberal spirit in
the operation of the public service
of world-wide interest which was
in its care; it would not depart
from that attitude in the future,
always reconciling it, as in the
past, with the essential safeguard-
ing of the interests of the share-
holders.

The total receipts for the year
amounted to 1,098,547,513 fr., being
91,410,922 fr. less than in the pre-
vious year. The expenditure
amounted to 313,982,702 fr., exceed-
ing that of 1929 by 2,739,468 fr.
The replacing of mooring posts, re-
ferred to last year, alone involved an
increase of 5,350,000 fr., but
economies in other ways partly
compensated for this increase. As
already stated, it had been possible
to reduce substantially the amounts
set aside for amortisation, etc., and
they proposed to fix these at 40
million francs for improvement
works and 20 millions for amortisa-
tion of material. After providing
for these amounts and adding the
balance brought forward from 1929,
there was an available sum of 719,
746,208 fr., of which it was proposed
to distribute 718,309,859 fr.

The traffic through the canal in
1930 showed a substantial falling
off as compared with 1929, and was
even below the level of 1928,
amounting to only 31,668,759 tons
net. The number of transits was
6,761, against 6,274 in 1929. The
average size of vessels considerably
increased, to 7,628 tons gross,
while the proportion of transits
made by vessels of more than 10,
000 tons gross increased from 11.7
to 13.2 per cent. The average stay
of vessels in the canal was 14 hours
34 min., which was the lowest
figure yet recorded. The total
weight of goods carried through the
canal fell from 34,516,000 tons (ad-
mittedly an exceptionally high
figure) in 1929 to 23½ million tons,
a reduction of 17 per cent.

Reduced Traffic.
The year 1931 had up to the pre-
sent continued to feel the effects of
the economic crisis, and the traffic
of the first four months showed a
reduction as compared with the re-
sults for the corresponding period
of the previous year. It was true
that the falling off in traffic only
began to make itself felt in
March, 1930, and con-
tinued until the end of that
year; there was therefore reason
to believe that the comparison
would be less unfavourable hence-
forward than during the first quar-
ter, and it was interesting to note
that the tonnage movement in April
was slightly greater than in the
corresponding month of the pre-
vious year. Moreover, the position
presented a few encouraging signs,
and, generally speaking, it might
be said that, if the industrial and
commercial depression continued, it
seemed unlikely that it would get
worse. With regard to improve-
ment works, the 1921 programme
was approaching its conclusion, and

the position of the canal was such
that future improvements were not
of an urgent character.

At the end of last year the width
of the canal, measured at a depth
of 10 metres, was 60 metres or
more for a distance of 135
kilometres, while deepening to 13
metres had been completed for a
distance of 129 kilometres. The
replacing of mooring posts by
stronger ones was continued, and
750, out of a total of 3,000, were in
service at the end of January. An
order was placed for a Diesel-
electric ferry for service between
Port Said and Port Fuad.

The report was adopted, and the
retiring directors, including Sir
Robert Horne, M.P., were re-elected.

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sured 25 per cent. of the cotton
shipments from Egypt to the United
Kingdom, the whole of which have
hitherto been carried by British
liners," adds the journal, "and it
will transport the bulk of the coal
required for the State railways. Fur-
ther than that it is to receive a
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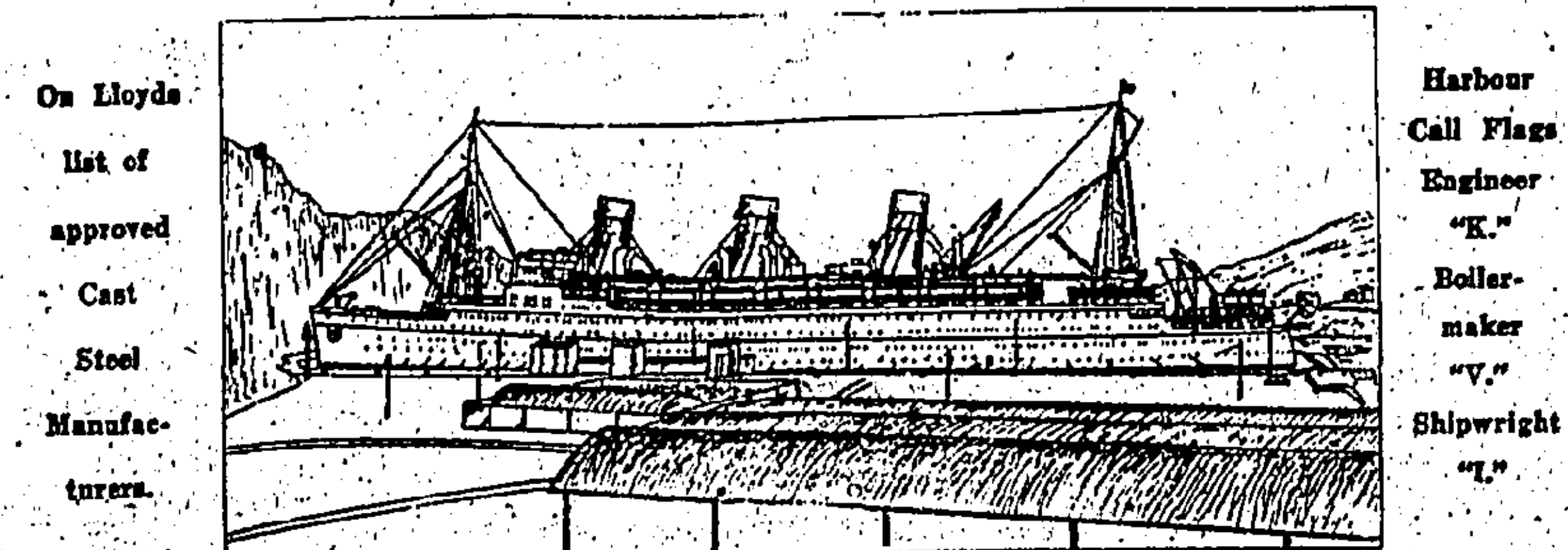
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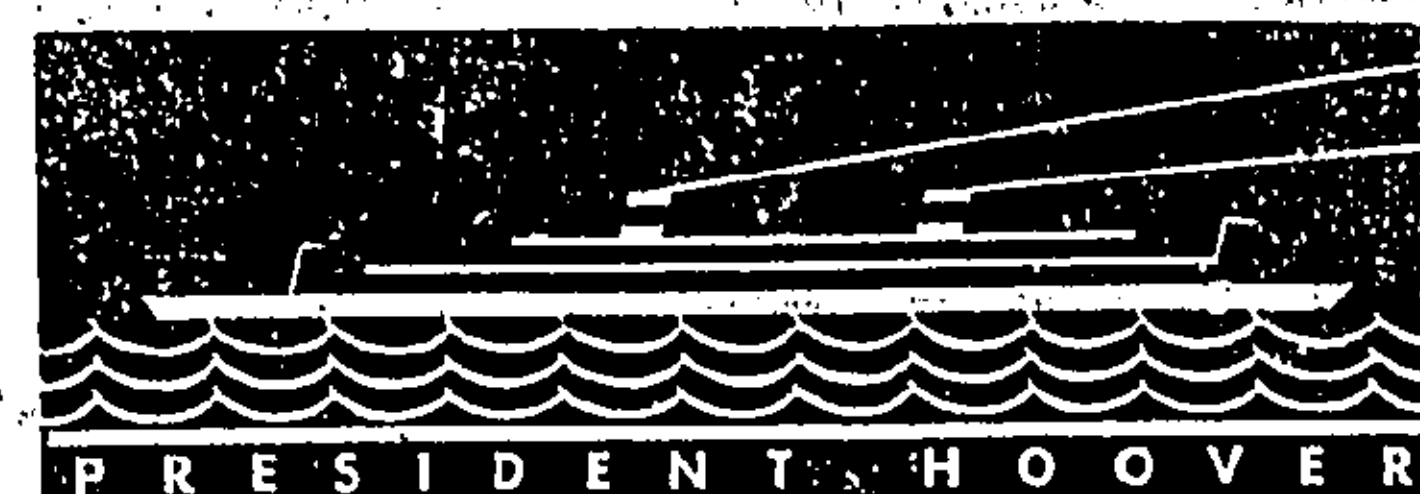
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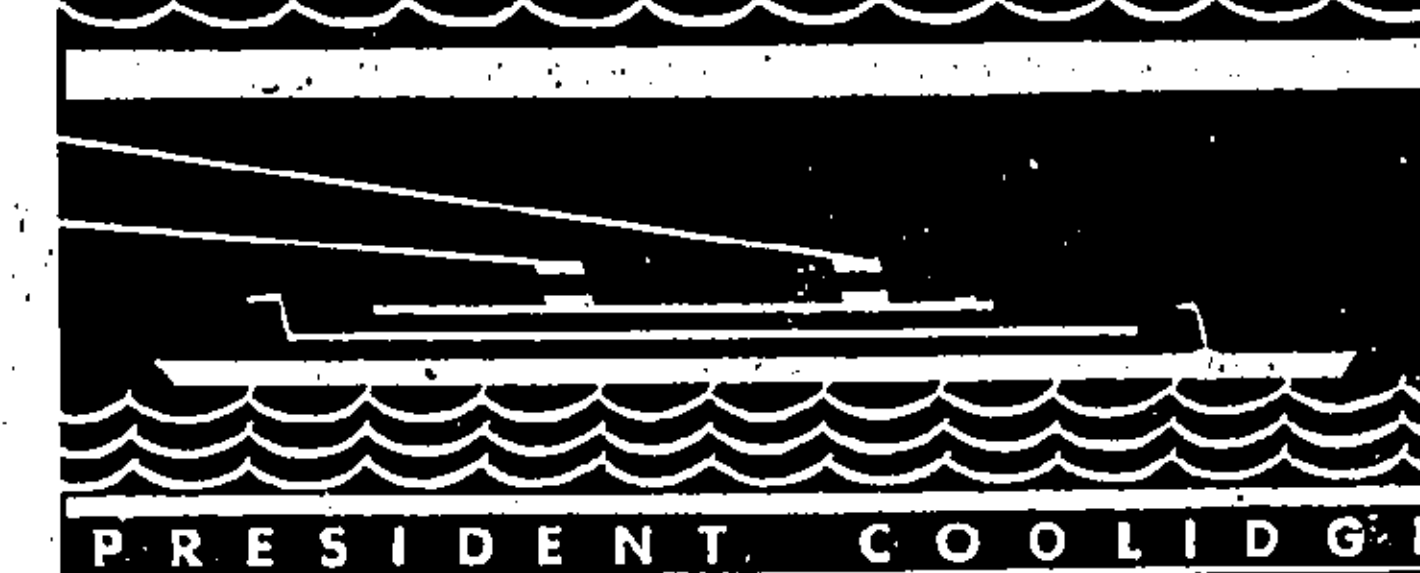
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marine in the world, which since
her construction has chiefly been
used for experimental purposes,
met with a mishap in Portsmouth
Dockyard recently.

She was being dry-docked when
some of the shoring used at her
sides to place her in position gave

way, and the vessel fell over to one
side.

It was necessary to refloat the
submarine, which fortunately did
not suffer any damage, but she
now shows a slight list.

Neither any one of those engaged
in docking X 1 nor any member of
the crew was injured.

The X 1 has been an "unlucky
ship." An explosion occurred in
her port engine-room last Febru-
ary while she was carrying out
surface steam trials off the Nore
and twelve ratings were injured.

My advice to women is: don't do
less work, do more.—Mary Borden.

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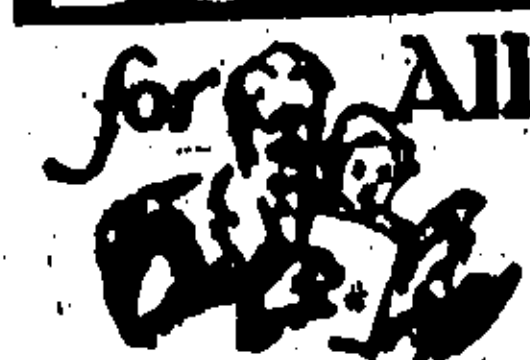
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vintages. There are sixty dele-
gates, from France, Germany, and
Britain, while America pays her
placard respects in the person of
Judge James C. Murfin, of Detroit,
says a special representative of
the London Daily Telegraph.

With a feeling of due reverence
I also attended the first session of
the International Wine-tasting Con-
ference. My own taste in wines
is, of course, unimpeachable, but I
rarely bother to exercise it unless
I am quite sure that my company
is open to a little intellectual
bullying.

This was different. These were
the men who could give you the
year and vineyard practically from
the tone of the cork's pop. These,
in fact, were the great ones. I re-
turned to a corner with my score-
card. Four unknown vintages of
champagne to be "placed" and
judged from a few sips at those
golden glasses. I knew it would
be hopeless, and it was. But pleas-
ant.

Quite Ordinary Men.

Gradually I became rather less
diffident. These wine tasters,
after all, appeared to be quite or-
dinary men. There were ordinary
men moving about among them—
Mr. H. G. Wells, Mr. C. B. Cochran,
Mr. John Drinkwater, M. de
Flauriau (or was he ordinary?).
Moreover, there was not a great
deal of solemn ritual—many people
seemed to be actually enjoying
themselves, just as I was. Best
sign of all, the silver receptacles
about the floor, designed to enable
the tasters to avoid swallowing the
objects of their experiments, were
languishing, unused. And then I
realised that this was the opening
ceremony—a sort of silent presi-
dential address before the real
business of the year began.

The luncheon which followed was
an epicurean dream. Two glorious
Rhine wines to accompany the
Quiche de Lorraine and Mignon de
Sole Gondolier, and a 1914 delicate
coat of pastry. And, finally, Mr.
Richard Temple, who presided, an-
nounced that there would be no
speeches. A few more interna-
tional conferences like this, I felt,
and the League of Nations would
lose its raison d'être.

CHINESE FUNERAL.

Spectacular Ceremony
in Rangoon.

One of the most spectacular
funerals seen in the Chinese Com-
munity for a long time was wit-
nessed on the morning of July 29
in Rangoon at the burial of the
late Mr. Khoo Jin-tue, aged 60
years, Head Paddy Broker of
Messrs. Steel Bros. and Company,
Ltd., who died at his residence,
No. 134, Crisp Street, Rangoon on
July 24. The remains were con-
veyed at 11 a.m. to the Tamwe
Fukien Chinese Cemetery, and the
funeral was very largely attended.
The feature that attracted the
greatest notice in the funeral
procession was the beautiful
flower decorated motor-car. Coach-
work, radiator, footboard and the
spokes of the wheels—the entire
car in fact was one mass of fresh-
ly cut roses, lilies, orchids and
ferns, not to mention a variety of
pretty paper-flowers. On the rear
seat, on a shield of roses a portrait
of the late Mr. Khoo Jin-tue was
hung. Above the portrait, in
Chinese characters, his name was
worked out in tiny white rose buds,
while below the same flowers were
utilised for the English translation
of his name. It is estimated that
over 10,000 flowers were used on
the "flower car," and the cost will
probably run to about Rs. 1,000.

We Church people are not nearly
so generous as the Noncon-
formists—The Bishop of London.
La politique, c'est moi—Signor
Mussolini.

PEEP AT THE WORLD.

By a Lighthouse
Keeper's Daughter.

LONELY GIRL.

The writer of this article, pub-
lished in the Sun, Sydney, is Miss
Cis. Berryman, the 21-year-old
daughter of the lighthouse-keeper
of Barrenjoey. Until very recent-
ly she had lived her whole life on
lonely lighthouse stations.

It has been one of the secret
dreams of my life to write a book
that would make the world sit up
and take notice. I have always
had plenty of time and thousands
of dreams about it, but somehow
when I sit down to start, every-
thing goes from me, and I some-
times find myself miles away in
some desert land, or riding a horse
out west.

It used to make me sad to think
of the millions of people all doing
their little round with friends and
relatives, and policemen and dance
halls and pictures, and not one of
them giving me a thought. My
little round was usually three
hundred yards around the island
we happened to be stationed on,
and then a little sewing, or read-
ing.

Smoking.

I am sometimes appalled when I
think of the things I have not seen,
or done. Do you know that I have
only just seen a woman smoking?
Not that I ever wanted to, because
I think it most inelegant. On
the other hand what is elegance?
It appears to me to mean approv-
ed conduct. I suppose if mother
was to smoke a cigar each morn-
ing while cooking the breakfast, I
should think nothing of it. Still
she doesn't, and I am sure I shall
never smoke.

And that applies to drinking
too. I am sure that I shall never
marry a man who drinks. I don't
mind a man smoking. And I shall
never marry a lighthouse-keeper,
even if he is the strictest of tee-
totalers. I am a firm believer in
marriage for a girl, but as far as
I'm concerned, my husband shall
have to have a job away from salt
water—the further away the bet-
ter.

Every woman should get mar-
ried. I don't mean that every
woman should trap a man. A
woman might have—to wait until
middle age before the right man
comes along, but I should think
that she would be glad in the end.
Life without marriage looks too
lonely for me, too much like life
on a lighthouse station.

Frumpy People.

It has always made me angry to
see the popular idea of a lighthouse
station community as shown in
paintings and illustrations. Frumpy
people, the women with old-fash-
ioned shawls, and the men in baggy
pants. Why should lighthouse
people be thought old-fashioned?
I can tell you that the lighthouse-
keeper's daughter takes good care
that she is not old-fashioned. It
might interest people to know that
one of the favourite topics of con-
versation between my mother and
me is fashions. With so many
fashion magazines published, I
don't see why anybody need be-
come old-fashioned unless she
wanted to.

Many an afternoon I have dress-
ed myself up and strolled round
the rocks with nobody within
miles, except my mother and
father. Although I have read
about shorts for women they never
appealed to me.

Walking, sewing, reading, letter
writing and a little cooking have
been my occupations as far back
as I can remember. Now I am five
feet four inches, and weigh eight
stone. I have never been worried
about becoming fat and there have
never been any signs of it. It is
walking that has kept my figure
what it is. Since we have come
to Barrenjoey I have walked and
climbed at least four miles a day,
and I don't need to diet. Living
miles from civilisation has one or
two compensations.

Daily Programme.

My programme for an ordinary
day might make many a city tylist
envious, but it makes me sick
when I think of it.
I get up at 7, do a little house-
work, breakfast, leave for the mail
at 10, take my time and get back by
two. I spend the afternoons sew-
ing or reading. It's a topsy-turvy
world. How many girls would like
to spend their afternoons reading
within the sound of the sea?

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE. APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

		Aug. 6, June, June,			Aug. 6, June, June,		
		1931.	1918.	1914.	1931. 1918. 1914		
		Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Butcher Meat.							
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	33	24	12		
" Prime Cut	牛尾	"	80	28	11		
" Corned	咸牛肉	"	23	12			
" Roast	燒牛肉	"	33	24	22		
" Breast	牛腩	"	30	20	18		
" Soup	牛湯	"	27	20	18		
" Steak	牛腩	"	33	24	22		
" Steak Sirloin	牛腩	"	45	30	35		
" Sausages	牛腩	"	35	26	20		
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	17	10	12		
" Tongue, fresh	牛舌	each	75	50	60		
" Tongue, corned	牛舌	"	60				
" Head	牛頭	lb.	\$1.20	\$1.20			
" Heart	牛心	lb.	24	18	14		
" Hump, Salt	牛心	"	20	18			
" Feet	牛心	each	12	10	12		
" Kidneys	牛心	"	15	10	12		
" Tail	牛心	"	27	20	22		
" Liver	牛心	lb.	24	18	14		
" Tripe	牛心	"	8	6	7		
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00		
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	44	28	—		
" Leg	羊排	"	44	28	—		
" Shoulder	羊排	"	40	24	—		
" Saddle	羊排	"	44	—	—		
Pig's Chittlings	豬排	Per set	3	—	—		
" Brains	豬排	lb.	16	15	—		
" Feet	豬排	"	28	15	18		
" Fry	豬排	"	18	20	—		
" Head	豬排	each	15	10	10		
" Heart	豬排	"	15	10	3		
" Kidneys	豬排	lb.	48	30	24		
" Liver	豬排	"	36	25	23		
Pork Chop	豬排	"	38	—	—		
" Leg	豬排	"	44	60	70		
" Loin	豬排	"	26	21	—		
" Fat or Lard	豬排	per set	90	60	70		
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	each	12	8	7		
" Heart	羊頭	"	15	12	10		
" Kidneys	羊頭	"	45	26	25		
" Liver	羊頭	"	26	25	22		
Sucking Pigs, to order	豬仔	lb.	80	50	19		
Suet, Beef	豬油	"	36	28	28		
" Mutton	豬油	"	22	20	20		
" Sausages	豬油	"	28	—	—		
No. 1							
Fish.							
Barbel	魚	lb.	55	16	24		
Bream	魚	"	36	20	16		
Canton Fresh Water	魚	"	36	—	—		
Carp	魚	"	36	18	16		
Catfish	魚	"	48	16	27		
Codfish	魚	"	44	12	9		
Crabs	魚	"	52	16	17		
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	32	23	26		
Dab	魚	"	26	18	27		
Daico	魚	"	54	23	16		
Dog Fish	魚	"	22	10	—		
Eels, Conger	魚	"	52	10	8		
" Fresh Water	魚	"	48	10	8		
" Yellow	魚	"	80	26	80		
Frogs	魚	"	30	32	25		
Garoupa	魚	"	28	40	30		
Gudgeon	魚	"	35	22	18		
Herrings	魚	"	42	13	23		
Halibut	魚	"	46	18	15		
Labrus	魚	"	80	32	18		
Loach	魚	"	72	42	24		
Lobsters	魚	"	60	32	21		
Mackerel	魚	"	48	20	20		
Monk Fish	魚	"	48	13	2		
Mullet	魚	"	40	12	2		
Oysters	魚	"	35	14	9		
Perrot Fish	魚	"	32	30	15		
Perch	魚	"	52	16	9		
Pike	魚	"	50	86	29		
Plaice	魚	"	60	36	30		
Pomfret, White	魚	"	44	36	45		
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	78	10	14		
Prawns	魚	"	28	10	14		
Ray	魚	"	84	13	18		
Rock Fish	魚	"	40	22	10		
Roach	魚	"	58	86	30		
Salmon	魚	"	22	8	10		
Shark	魚	"	22	10	20		
Slate	魚	"	62	33	30		
Shrimps	魚	"	50	28	28		
Snapper	魚	"	52	22	28		
Sole	魚	"	42	20	85		
Tench	魚	"	40	12	12		
Turbot	魚	"	1.35	40	—		
Turkey, small, fr. water	魚	"	1.35	40	—		
Poultry.							
Chicken	雞	lb.	68	30	31		
Capons, Small	雞	"	68	28	30		
Capons, Large	雞	"	72	28	30		
Duck	鴨	"	45	22	21		
Doves	鴿	each	45	22	21		
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	per doz.	33	18	—		
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	"	36	25	20		
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	76	36	24		
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	60	85	24		
Geese	鴨	"	50	24	24		
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	48	80	—		
" Hothow	鴿	"	35	28	—		
Turkeys, Cock	雞	lb.	75	—	—		
Turkeys, Hen	雞	"	60	81	45		
Snipe	鴿	each	35	—	—		
Pheasant	鴿	pair	—	—	—		
Quail	鴿	each	—	—	—		
Partridges	鴿	each	—	—	—		
Fruits.							
Almonds	杏	lb.	80	35	—		
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	45	26	—		
Bananas (bride's)	新山香蕉	"	8	4	—		
Carambola	佛手	"	—	12	—		
Coconuts	椰子	each	14	10	10		
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	16	25	30		
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	13	8	—		
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25	30		
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	—	—	—		
Oranges	橙	"	—	—	15		
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	—	—	—		
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12		
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	23	12	—		
Plantain	大蕉	"	5	8	—		
Pineapple, Siam	暹羅柚	each	20	12	6		
Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	45	—	10		
Grapes	葡萄	"	—	—	—		
Vegetables, &c.							
Artichokes	蓴菜	each	14	—	2		
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	7	—	7		
" Long	豇豆	"	14	—	8		
Beet Root	紅菜頭	"	14	—	—		
Bitter Squash	紅香瓜	"	6	24	—		
Brijula, Green	青瓜	"	6	5	3		
" Red	紅瓜	"	6	5	8		
Cabbage, Chinese	芥蘭	"	14	—	—		
Cane Shoots, bunch	藤莖	"	8	—	—		
Cauliflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each	—	—	—		
" (Medium)	中花椰菜	"	—	—	—		
" (Small)	細花椰菜	"	—	—	6		
Carrots	金針	lb.	14	5	6		
Celery, Chinese	菜薹	"	14	10	6		
Chillies, Dried	辣椒	"	18	25	8		
" Red	紅辣椒	"	12	10	10		
" Green	青辣椒	"	6	8	12		
Curry Stuff, English	英式材料	"	16	8	—		
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	6	2	—		
Garlic	蒜頭	"	10	6	—		
Ginger, Young	嫩薑	"	10	7	—		
" Old	老薑	"	8	20	—		
Horseradish, Shanghai	上海馬蹄	"	35	8	—		
Indian Corn	粟米	"	10	45	—		
Lettuce	生菜	"	10	1	—		
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	"	10	—	—		
" Mandarin	桂林荸薺	"	12	—	—		
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮蘑菇	"	50	—	1		
Okroes	秋葵	"	1	8	—		
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	"	6	4	—		
" Green	綠蔥	"	6	6	—		
" Shanghai	上海蔥	"	6	6	—		
Parsley	芥蘭	"	35	60	—		
Potato, Sweet	番薯	"	5	8	—		
" Japanese	日本薯仔	"	4	8	—		
" American	金山薯仔	"	8	8	—		
Pumpkin	冬瓜	"	5	4	—		
Radish	紅蘿蔔	"	—	—	—		
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大根	"	8	—	1		
Stallots	蒜苗	"	8	8	—		
Spinach	菠菜	"	20	4	—		
Tomatoes	番茄	"	6	7	—		
Taros	芋頭	"	8	6	—		
Turnips, Punji (Long)	長筒洋蔥	"	8	4	—		
Vegetable Marrow	西蘭花	"	14	15	—		
Water Cress	水蔴	"	6	15	—		
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	"	6	15	—		



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ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

Indians Sail for London.

ALI'S DECLARATION.

Bombay, Saturday.
"God willing I will bring back peace and freedom," declared Mr. Shankat Ali before leaving to-day by the P. & O. s.s. Mooltan for London.

He attends the Round Table Conference as a Moslem representative.

Twenty-six other distinguished Indians attending the Round Table Conference also sailed by the s.s. Mooltan. They included the Maharaja of Bikanir and Mr. Tej Bahadur Sapru.

Situation Unaffected.

Ahmedabad, Saturday.
Interviewed by a Reuter representative Mahatma Gandhi said, the situation had been unaffected by the interviews Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Mr. Jayakar had had with him.

No Hope of London Visit.

Asked if there was any hope of his going to London, if no arbitration board was appointed, but if the Viceroy and the Governor of Bombay assured him that they would examine serious cases of alleged breaches of the Irwin-Gandhi Pact, Mahatma Gandhi expressed the opinion that such hope was not warranted.—Reuter.

London Visit Doubtful.

Rugby, Saturday.
Publication of the correspondence between the Viceroy and Mr. Gandhi and other officials gives an opportunity for a review of the causes of Mr. Gandhi's decision not to attend the Round Table Conference.

The Manchester Guardian says: "The only thing that emerges with complete clearness is that nothing has happened which really ought to prevent the Congress from sending representatives."

Texts of letters and telegrams are held to confirm the opinion that while the immediate occasion of Congress decision was the fact that the operation of the ordinary law which the Government must maintain as a breach of the Irwin-Gandhi agreement, the more fundamental cause was the tendency of a section of Congress to interpret the Delhi pact as giving Congress a special status—amounting almost to setting up of a dual system of Government.

Government's Attitude.

In a letter to Gandhi of July 4 Mr. Emerson, Home Secretary, Government of India, referring to the proposals for a Board of Arbitration to interpret the Delhi pact, pointed out that the Government could not restrict its freedom of action in this way without abrogating its fundamental responsibilities for the maintenance of law and order.

The disappointment felt generally at Gandhi's decision was well expressed by the Viceroy, Lord Willingdon, in his telegram to Gandhi of August 18 in which he said he could have hoped that "you would not allow disputes over present details to prevent your serving India by participating in a momentous discussion of the future Constitution which may determine the destiny of India beyond your time and mine."

It is realised, however, that, regrettable as the absence of a Con-

M. BRIAND UNWELL

Doctor Vetoes Visit To Berlin.

MAY GO IN SEPTEMBER.

Paris, Saturday.

M. Laval and M. Briand regret that they are unable to go to Berlin in August owing to M. Briand's health. It is understood that this was M. Laval's reply to the official German invitation to visit Berlin on August 26 and 27.

M. Laval has communicated to the German Ambassador that the famous specialist, Professor Vaques, had forbidden M. Briand to go to Berlin at present. Consequently the visit must be postponed until after the meeting of the Geneva Assembly in September.

M. Briand's condition is not alarming but he has been ordered a month's rest at his country-home before the Geneva meeting.

Anxious to Continue.

M. Laval telephoned to Dr. Bruening in Berlin this evening regretting that the health of M. Briand would not allow the Berlin visit to be paid on the original date. He added that he was most desirous of resuming as early as possible the conversations started in Paris in July.—Reuter.

grass representative would be the continuation of the Irwin-Gandhi agreement is not involved.

A Personal Letter.

Before leaving Bombay last night Gandhi wrote a personal letter to the Viceroy explaining the implications of the resolution regarding the withdrawal of Congress from the conference. He made it clear that Congress would continue to honour the Delhi pact, and asked whether the Government would do the same.

So far as the Government is concerned there is no doubt that it will continue to implement the agreement and, consistent with full maintenance of its responsibilities, it will do everything possible to foster the spirit of conciliation and will welcome any steps taken to increase co-operation such as has been undertaken by Mr. Jayakar and Sir T. Sapru, who conferred with Gandhi yesterday.

It is much hoped that moderate opinion in India and at Home will make itself felt.—British Wireless Service.

Thousands of Words.

Simla, Saturday.
Correspondence was published to-day, running into thousands of words between Mahatma Gandhi and the Viceroy and his officials, in which Gandhi alleges breaches of the Irwin-Gandhi agreement (particularly as regards the coercive collection of rents); which allegations the Viceroy and officials emphatically deny.

Gandhi sees in the replies to his complaints, a "complete indication that he must not sail for London."

The Indian Government's attitude in the matter was that it was impossible to agree upon an arrangement involving a suspension of ordinary law, or of the regular machinery of administration.—Reuter.

ELECTRIFYING BRITAIN.

Scheme Adopted for South Scotland.

GRID SYSTEM.

Rugby, Saturday.

The Central Electricity Board has announced the adoption of the South Scotland Electricity Scheme prepared by the Electricity Commissioners. This is the ninth of ten area schemes under the 1926 Act to provide, under the grid system, a cheap electricity supply to towns and villages all over Great Britain at a total estimated cost of £20,000,000. Only the North of Scotland remains to be surveyed.

The electricity supplies are to be derived from great water power resources in Galloway and will be chiefly utilised in the neighbouring areas of Central Scotland and North West England for which schemes have been already approved.—British Wireless Service.

PRAYA STRUGGLE.

Man Who Died in Bed Identified.

SHOT BY REVENUE MAN.

In connection with the Praya shooting drama, reported in Friday's issue of the China Mail, Lai Kiu (40), who was convicted on a charge of the possession of about three hundred taels of illicit opium and fined \$30,000, with the alternative of one year's hard labour, appeared again before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court on Saturday. The original sentence was confirmed.

It will be recalled that defendant was arrested by a Chinese Revenue officer, near the Tai Ping Wharf, in the early hours of Friday morning. The man shouted for help, when three others, who had been in hiding under a verandah, came out and a struggle ensued. In self-defence, whilst trying to keep his culprit in custody, the Revenue Officer drew his revolver and fired three shots. One man who was shot in the groin, managed to crawl home to the third floor of 144 Connaught Road West, where he died in bed.

Later in the day, Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) brought Lai Kiu before Mr. Schofield, when he related the facts. A short remand was granted.

It was stated that the object of the remand had been achieved, in that the prisoner had identified the deceased at the Mortuary.

GERMANY'S DEBTS.

Stupendous Short Term Total.

Bale, Switzerland, Yesterday.
Germany's short-term debts reach the stupendous total of \$350,000,000, according to information in the hands of the International Bankers' meeting being held here to investigate the financial position of Germany.—Reuter.

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